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# *2017 Annual Report Town of Rockport, Maine*



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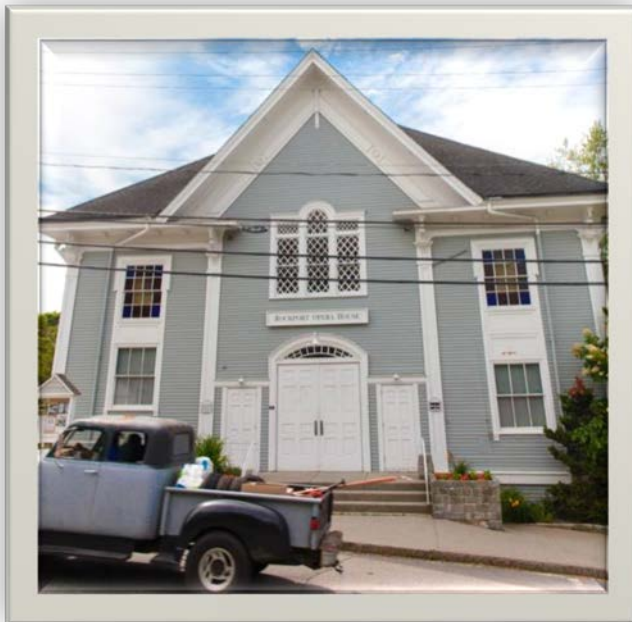
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**ROCKPORT OPERA HOUSE**  
**125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
**CELEBRATE WITH US ON AUGUST 12**



The Rockport Opera House was built in 1892. To celebrate our beloved building's 125th year, the Town will host a day of festivities, music, dancing, and great food on Saturday, August 12th. Mark this date in your calendars, and keep checking back for a list of fun summer activities taking place inside and out of the Rockport Opera House. Events will include concerts, dancing, concessions, a talk from State Historian Earle Shettleworth, slideshows on the side of Union Hall, a memory box, and more.

*Photos and event info by Terri Lea Smith*

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# TOWN OF ROCKPORT 2017 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT DEDICATION

## MARTHA “MOLLY” SHOLES



Molly Hooker Washburn was born in Minnesota and grew up in Minnesota and North Carolina. Her father died when Molly was young, and her mother then returned to her New England roots, eventually building a home on Vinalhaven Island. Molly spent summers there and attended part of high school on the island, which created an abiding love for her adopted state of Maine. After graduating from Cornell University, Molly worked as a Russian specialist and translator for the U.S. Department of Defense in Washington, DC. It was there that she met her husband, Christopher.

As a career foreign service officer, Chris Sholes' career involved extensive periods living overseas. Molly and Chris spent nearly 30 years living in India, Pakistan, and Turkey. Somewhat unusual for the foreign service, they served multiple tours of duty in cities on the Indian subcontinent. All three of their children—Christopher, Rebecca, and Dwight—were born and largely raised overseas. Molly has one grandchild, Daniella, who is Rebecca's daughter.

Their love of Maine was so great that in 1971 Molly and her husband bought an old blueberry farm on Mount Pleasant in West Rockport. When she eventually retired to West Rockport in 1985, blueberries became a “labor” of love for Molly. After bringing back the 40+ acres of blueberry fields on the old farm (doing most of the clearing and cutting herself!), Molly sought a means to make blueberries and blueberry products more widely available. And so, Spruce Mountain Blueberries was born.

Digging through old Indian cookbooks, Molly developed an innovative recipe for blueberry chutney, thereby combining her love of two very different parts of the world in a single product. Molly was, in fact, the very first person in Maine to commercially market blueberry chutney! For over three decades Spruce Mountain Blueberries has offered fresh packed blueberries, chutney, jam, blueberry vinegar and all kinds of wonderful offerings. Molly's years in the East gave her the ability to develop special blends for her products and to write a cookbook, *East Meets West*.

During many of those years Molly also dedicated time to serve on boards and committees for the Town of Rockport. This included two terms on the Board of Selectmen, the Comprehensive Plan Committee and many years on the Ordinance Review Committee. If she wasn't sitting on a committee, she was always there to offer advice from her vast experience and knowledge of the town and the Land Use Ordinance.

Molly, with her broad smile, is a very generous person, always giving town employees jam and chutney for Christmas and donating products when needed for an event we're having. When Molly sat on the Board of Selectmen she treated all citizens with dignity and respect. She, along with Marge Jones and Marieta Wheaton, broke ground by being strong female voices on a board traditionally filled with men. Molly is a vital member of the Rockport and midcoast communities.

In dedicating this report to Molly, we thank her for her many years of service to the town and our community.

*Written by Stacey Parra and Dwight Sholes. Photo provided by Village Soup/The Camden Herald.*

# TOWN OF ROCKPORT 2017 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT DEDICATION

## DOUGLAS LINDER



I've been serving on boards and working with Doug Linder for the past twenty years. Doug was a member of the best planning board team that, I believe, has ever served the Town of Rockport. We were so busy in the late 90s and early 2000s that we had to meet twice a month, with 10–14 item agendas, to keep up with the pace of development in town.

Our board, like any good team, developed a rhythm in how we approached applications. Doug always sat to my left. He had been an engineer during his working years, and I soon came to rely on Doug to spot any problems or inconsistencies with the complex drawings we routinely reviewed. Once I realized Doug's talent I never read another road profile.

Doug and his wife, Marianne, enjoy traveling. The many trips they've taken were often exotic, and we frequently talked about these vacations. At one point, Doug was missing meetings, and I was having to read road profiles again! I asked Doug if he could try to schedule their trips around our meeting dates, which he readily agreed to do.

During that conversation, I jealously marveled at the sheer volume and frequency of their travel. Doug explained to me that they were making up for lost time, as they hardly traveled when he was working. I don't recall the particulars any longer, but Doug worked for Boeing during the second half of the twentieth century, when advances in the science of aerodynamics was a major contributor to the United States' dominance as a world-leading superpower. Discoveries were being engineered into new airplanes, and Doug was in the thick of it. He was not only an engineer, he supervised a large number of engineers.

Those were the days of spy vs spy, and the kind of knowledge Doug had was the kind of knowledge spies tried to steal. He told me that the briefings before and debriefings after a trip were exhausting to the point that he just didn't want to travel. The debriefers wanted to know everything about where he traveled, who he met and spoke with, what he said, what they said.

One of the first things I did when I became Rockport's assessor was read through the archives of Board of Assessment Review hearings. Doug was front and center in them all, asking excellent questions and keeping his board focused on the problem of the moment.

After so many years of his excellent service to the town, it is with appreciation and gratitude that we honor Doug Linder's legacy of volunteerism.

*Sadly, Doug Linder's passing occurred after this dedication was written.*

*Written by Kerry Leichtman. Photo provided by the family and Pen Bay Pilot.*

# **TOWN OF ROCKPORT 2017 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT MEMORIAM**

## **ANTHONY WAYNE “HUTCH” HUTCHESON**



Anthony Wayne “Hutch” Hutcheson, 51, owner of Right Click Computers in Rockport, died Monday, July 18, 2016, at Brigham & Women’s Hospital in Boston after a brief illness. Anthony is survived by his two children, Devin Wayne Hutcheson and Hollie Ann Hutcheson of Rockport and many relatives.

Born Sept. 29, 1964, he was the son of Wayne H. Hutcheson of Dallas, Ga., and Gerry Pound Hutcheson of Rockport. Anthony grew up in Smyrna, Ga., graduating from Campbell High School, class of 1982. During high school, Anthony was a three-year varsity letterman in football and one-year wrestling earning player of the week, 2nd team All County 1981-1982.

Following graduation, Anthony attended Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus, Ga., where he studied physical education and recreation. He played football for three years and ran track for two. Anthony served in the Marine Corps from 1989 to 1994, relocating to his mother’s home state of Maine in 1994. Anthony was a Master Mason of St. Paul’s Lodge No. 82 – Rockport A F & A.M. for 14 years. He held the positions of Marshall 2003–2005, Senior Steward 2005–2006, Junior Steward 2006–2007, Junior Deacon 2007–2008, Senior Deacon 2008–2010, Senior Warden 2010–2012, Master 2011–2014, and Tyler 2014–2016.

In 2003, Anthony opened Right Click Computers in Rockport, where he serviced and sold computers for 13 years. Anthony was very hardworking and loved helping his customers. He took great pride in his business as he built long-lasting relationships with so many people and businesses in the Midcoast area. Known for his high energy, big heart and always going above and beyond, Anthony also helped and mentored several students in the area over the years by providing jobs and/or knowledge of the computer business.

Anthony was also a very instrumental part of the Five Town Football League in Camden for several years. On the football field, Anthony was always willing to do whatever was asked of him, and he did it with energy and intensity. The enthusiastic, caring and positive person he was in other aspects of his life was the same person on the field— except louder. He never stopped encouraging the kids, and pushing them to give their best. He embodied everything a coach in the community should be, and he had an impact on countless kids in the program.

“I’m a better person because I knew Hutch” was a common theme at his memorial service and words his family will never forget. All of us here in the Town of Rockport felt the same way. He always asked how you were when you saw him. As a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee he gave back to the town he called home.

*Photo and story of life courtesy of Long Funeral Home & Cremation Service and his family.*



# GENERAL INFORMATION

**Main number: (207)236-9648**

**The Rockport Town Office is open Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM**  
**[www.town.rockport.me.us](http://www.town.rockport.me.us)**

Assessing.....	236-6758
Fax Number for all Administration.....	230-0112
Finance .....	230-0180
Fire Department (Non-Emergency).....	236-4437
Fire Department – Fax .....	236-4141
General Assistance – Monday–Friday: 8AM–4:30 PM (by appointment only) .....	236-0806
General Assistance – After Hours Emergency .....	594-5656
Department of Health and Human Services .....	1-800-442-6003
Harbormaster’s Office.....	236-0676
Mid-Coast Solid Waste Corporation – Tuesday–Saturday: 8 AM–4 PM .....	236-7958
Opera House.....	542-3555
Planning and Community Development .....	236-0989
Police Department (Non-Emergency) .....	236-2026
Police Department – Fax .....	236-4141
Public Library (Phone/Fax) – Monday–Saturday: 9 AM–5:30 PM, Wednesday: 11 AM–8 PM.....	236-3642
Public Works Department – Monday–Friday: 7 AM–3:30 PM .....	236-6245
Public Works – Fax.....	236-2653
Town Manager – Manager’s Office .....	236-0806
Town Office – Clerk’s Office .....	236-9648

## **HOLIDAYS - Town Offices Will Be Closed on the Following Dates:**

Tuesday, July 4, 2017 .....	Independence Day
Monday, September 4, 2017 .....	Labor Day
Monday, October 9, 2017.....	Columbus Day
Friday, November 10, 2017*.....	Veterans’ Day
Thursday, November 23, 2017 .....	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 24, 2017.....	Thanksgiving Friday
Monday, December 25, 2017 .....	Christmas Day
Monday, January 1, 2018 .....	New Year’s Day
Monday, January 15, 2018 .....	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, February 19, 2018 .....	Presidents’ Day
Monday, April 16, 2018 .....	Patriots’ Day
Monday, May 28, 2018 .....	Memorial Day
*Observance	

## **General Information – *continued***

### ***WHAT TO BRING WHEN REGISTERING A CAR:***

RE-REGISTRATION: Previous registration, current insurance card and mileage

NEW REGISTRATION (**Dealer Sale**): Documentation (Proof) sales tax paid, blue title application form, current insurance card and mileage. It is MANDATORY to have the monroney label or window sticker on a brand-new vehicle. This became law on September 19, 1997.

NEW REGISTRATION (**Private Sale**): Bill of sale and titles on vehicles 1995 or newer.

NEW REGISTRATION (**Transfer**): Same as above PLUS registration of the vehicle the plates are being transferred from.

### ***WHAT TO BRING WHEN REGISTERING A SNOWMOBILE/ATV/BOAT:***

RE-REGISTRATION: Old registration

NEW REGISTRATION (**Dealer Sale**): Documentation (Proof) sales tax paid, ME-assigned number on used recreation vehicles.

NEW REGISTRATION (**Private Sale**): Bill of sale, ME-assigned numbers and serial numbers, horsepower & length for boats.

NEW REGISTRATION (**Transfer**): Same as above PLUS registration of the vehicle the plates are being transferred from.

### ***WHAT TO BRING WHEN LICENSING A DOG:***

Current rabies certificate and neutering/spay certificate (furnished to you by your vet).

### ***WHAT TO BRING/SEND WHEN PAYING TAXES:***

Please enclose or bring your tax bill.

### ***DATES TO REMEMBER:***

Property Taxes are Due: Monday, October 16, 2017 and Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Mooring Fees/Tie-Off Fees Due: May 1<sup>st</sup> (except if falls on a week day or holiday)

Snowmobile Registrations Expire: June 30

Boat Registrations Expire: December 31

ATV Registrations Expire: June 30

Dog Licenses are Due: December 31

Select Board Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month

Planning Board Meetings: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month if necessary

Zoning Board of Appeals Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month if necessary

# SELECT BOARD

To the citizens of Rockport,

It has been another year of progress in Rockport, though sometimes that progress is a bit slower than we all might like. In the past year, our infrastructure projects funded by the bonds approved in 2015 have continued to progress with the reconstruction of School Street and Summer Street, and the paving of a portion of Mount Pleasant Street. The high sidewalk on Pascal Avenue will be rebuilt this spring, and progress will be made on repairs needed at the West Rockport Fire Station.

On the other hand, an unusual early and rapid thaw led to serious problems on other portions of Mount Pleasant Street, and this will require a significant expenditure through the next couple of years to bring that road up to a safe condition. We have formulated a plan to do that and included it in our budget proposal for the upcoming fiscal year. Speaking of the budget, we continue to deal with the overall reduction in assessed value in town, which has made the formulation of the budget difficult. Programs and services suggested by our town manager and the department heads had to be trimmed to keep the tax rate increase at a reasonable level. Ever-increasing costs for health insurance did not make the task any easier.

The future of the Rockport Public Library continues to occupy a great deal of our time. The proposal for a new library in the downtown village failed at the polls in November, 2016, by the slimmest of margins. Nevertheless, we are moving forward, taking into account comments from you, the public, to formulate a new plan that we hope will put us on course for a new library very soon.

In other developments, a long-time Select Board goal has recently been achieved with the systems now in place to accept credit card payments at the Town Office—we hope that this will make transactions more convenient for our citizens. We have entered into an arrangement with Camden to share the police chief position, and so far it has been working out very well. It's our great fortune of having a chief who has a long tenure with the Camden Police Department and also has the experience of growing up in Rockport.

We had a wonderful celebration of Rockport's 125th anniversary in 2016 with events during the winter and summer, topped off with a once-in-a-lifetime event—dinner on the Goose River Bridge. Another 125th anniversary will be celebrated this year—that of the historic Rockport Opera House.

We thank our Town Manager Rick Bates for another great year, and salute the entire town staff for a continued job well done. We frequently hear comments about the friendliness and professionalism of our town staff, which is very gratifying for us.

We are also very grateful for the many volunteer hours that citizens provide by serving on our town committees, from the advisory committees to the Select Board, and the quasi-judicial boards which provide a very necessary role in our town. Please take the time to read their reports to get a better idea of the work that these groups do. As you look over these reports, also please consider volunteering to serve. Our town cannot function effectively without these committees, commissions and boards.

Finally, we humbly thank you, the citizens of Rockport, for the confidence you have placed in us as your Select Board. It is an obligation that each one of us takes very seriously.



## ROCKPORT SELECT BOARD



*Left to Right: Geoffrey C. Parker, Vice-Chair Kenneth McKinley, Chair William Chapman, Brendan Riordan and Owen Casas*

### Select Board Meetings

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 PM

Rockport Opera House

Watch our meetings live: [www.livestream.com/Rockportmaine](http://www.livestream.com/Rockportmaine)

Agendas, monthly calendars, committee members, etc., can be seen on our website:

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# OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

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To Members of the Rockport Select Board and Citizens of Rockport,

My report will give you an overview of the high points of things we have accomplished over the past year, and I would encourage you to look at other reports included here for more details as far as individual departments and committees are concerned.

This year I decided to put my thank you at the beginning of my report rather than at the end, because I am not sure anyone really reads past the first few paragraphs anyway, and I wanted to be sure to thank all those who make the town work so well.

First, I want to thank the hard-working and dedicated volunteers who serve on all the various boards and committees, those of you who come to meetings month after month to serve the town.

I want to say thank you to the hard-working employees of the Town of Rockport. All those people who work at the Town Office, who greet you at their desk or on the phone, who try to help everyone who comes through the door, with a smile.

Thank you to the police chief and all the police officers who silently keep us safe every day. Thank you to the fire chief and all the firefighters, yes, *all* those great volunteers, who train so diligently and take all those calls in the middle of the night, when I am safe at home, asleep in bed.

Thank you to the harbor crew, who are our ambassadors for new friends from away, the library and Opera House staff, who keep our creativity and imagination alive. I am personally proud of the great things that happen in those two places.

And last, but not least, thank you to the employees at public works, who get to do everything else (not covered above) and whom we send out into the worst of the storms to plow our roads. They do some of the worst jobs, usually in the worst conditions possible.

Without these people doing their jobs so well, my job would be infinitely more difficult. You all make me proud to come to work every day to work with you.

Now on to the meat of the town report:

Much of the financial information about the town is in the budget and contained in the “Manager’s Letter.” If you have read my previous town reports you will see that the loss of property value in Rockport has been a major problem for us over the past several years. While the Town of Rockport has not seen any huge increases in value that will impact the mil rate, we have started a slow steady growth that will be sustainable into the future. For the moment, I would like to emphasize, slow growth—but nevertheless, growth—is on our horizon.

## **Town Manager - *continued***

Financially, we are in very good shape. Our current CIP reserves are well funded, meaning that our big-ticket items—trucks, vehicles, and heavy equipment—are being replaced on a regular schedule. Our unassigned fund balance, which is required by Charter to be at least 12% of our annual expenditures, has grown to 16.4%. This allows us to run the town without having to borrow money to pay bills and make payroll. Additionally, this gives us a little buffer in the event of an unforeseen emergency. Finally, we have completed the development of the rest of the Capital Improvement Plan, which has been included in draft form in this year's budget, for review. This includes an expanded look at planned expenditures over the next 5–10 years and beyond. It is a big document and a big number to look at. However, knowing all the possible expenditures coming in the future will help us to budget in a way that will eliminate spikes in the mil rate.

The decision about what to do with our trash and the whole discussion about the PERC/Fiberite question was settled by voters at the June Town Meeting, with all four towns in Mid-Coast Solid Waste Corporation (Camden, Hope, Lincolnville, and Rockport) voting to haul our trash to ecomaine in Portland. An interesting byproduct of the debate that took place in the four towns was that it energized many residents concerned about our collective future and the way we deal with trash and recycling. Rather than giving up and going away angry, they have remained interested, involved, supportive and active, forming a group they call Waste Watchers, spanning all four towns. They meet weekly and have been developing new ways to raise awareness and get us all to do a better job. Many have become active and involved in their communities in whole new ways.

Over the past year, the towns of Camden and Rockport have been working more collaboratively in several ways. First, we share our assessor and the Town of Camden pays for 50% of his salary; the Town of Camden's assessor's assistant helps with measuring and listing of Rockport properties. This helps the process go more efficiently and quickly, at a cheaper cost for both communities.

Additionally, with the retirement of long-time Police Chief Mark Kelley, the town opted to share a police chief with Camden. We entered into an interlocal agreement with Camden, contracting to use the services of Camden's Police Chief Randy Gagne. Randy grew up in Rockport, and it seemed like it had the potential to be a perfect fit. So far it has worked better than anyone had hoped.

In many cases, the departments now train together. They share a radio frequency, so that officers can back each other up when shorthanded in one town or the other. There is cross-town supervision, to help officers respond correctly in an emergency. The ability to support one another is now almost seamless. All this has many benefits for residents—first, it is less costly, as we now pay for extra officers' service only as needed. But more importantly, the level of service when needed in some situations is greatly improved with the combined forces. While for all intents and purposes they are still two departments, they can respond as one. Many thanks go out to the officers of Rockport and Camden for making this so successful—without their support, it would not work as well as it has.

Finally, in the collaboration department, I am proud of the fact that the amazing Keep Rockport Beautiful team has expanded its reach and is now helping the Town of Camden with their anti-litter and clean-up efforts by sharing their expertise, tools and signs to get a spring clean-up in Camden. In fact, it is developing into a regional effort. Thank you, Maggie Timmermann, for having the persistence to never give up! It all started with a single voice with a good idea.

We are finishing up on our infrastructure projects paid for with a bond voted on in November, 2014. Sadly, the Mill Street Bridge construction project resulted in the unfortunate accidental death of the contractor, Frank Ferraiolo, during construction. Despite the accident, the project was finished on



## **Town Manager - *continued***

time and within budget. I did not really know Frank, other than at work meetings, but he really seemed to be a good person, interested in doing a good job for the town. I learned much more about him while attending his memorial service, leaving me wishing that I had known him better.

The drainage and water project on School Street took longer than expected due to more than anticipated ledge removal and a slower than expected water line installation. But, it came in within appropriate budget parameters and was well done. Summer Street was another thing entirely; the project seemed to go on for an eternity and is still not completed. The scope of the project was a full-depth reconstruction of the roadbed and under drainage. The contractor is due to finish the project this spring, making repairs to the slope so the water can drain properly.

The work done on Mt. Pleasant Street has not proven to completely solve the problem of the road being impassable in the spring. The work done was not wasted—it just means that we need to do more in order to get it finished, and we’re planning that work now.

The High Sidewalk replacement is being completed as I am writing this. The bid for the project came in within budget, and after waiting over a year for utilities to be moved, it began April 16, 2017—not a minute too soon. The Friday before construction was due to begin, a large section of support wall collapsed under the walkway itself. The new sidewalk will meet new design standards and will be wider, safer, have legal railings, and not be subject to collapse. It will look very different from the old sidewalk, but we hope it will be a good compromise.

The West Street sidewalk was extended to match up with the anticipated improvements on tap this summer by Maine DOT for the intersection of Rt. 1 and Rt. 90. By doing this sidewalk early, it drives MDOT to replace the signalization at the intersection with crosswalk capabilities, getting us a crosswalk over what amounts to be the “Rio Grande” if you are a pedestrian. If we waited until after the new signals were installed, the cost to the town would be in excess of \$30,000. While this project hadn’t been an immediate, short term goal, a sidewalk to the Erickson Preserves and the schools is a long-term goal, so the crosswalk and signalization will be very helpful.

Rockport has a lot of new potential growth on the horizon. Two vacant properties in the center of the village, formerly owned by Leucadia, have been purchased by a local developer with experience building hotels in Camden—he would like to build a hotel in Rockport. Interestingly, there were hotels and rooming houses in Rockport previously, and in June voters will be asked to approve an ordinance change that will allow this again. It is hoped that construction of this type will bring some much-needed new vitality to the village.

Additionally, we have been exploring ways to encourage the development of “workforce housing” or “attainable housing,” as some call it. Whatever you call it, we are talking about housing that working families can afford—housing for our teachers, fire fighters and police officers, for young working families with kids in our great schools. Frankly, it is not people my age that are going to sustain Rockport or the midcoast. Rockport is a great place to “Live, Learn, Work and Play,” and we need more young families to elect to stay or move here to keep Rockport vital and build community. Fortunately, there is interest from a few developers in building this kind of housing.

Two major disappointments for me this year were the failure of the proposal for funding to design a municipally owned, high-speed fiber network and the failure of voters to support a new library bond on the November ballot.

## **Town Manager - *continued***

The fiber question failed on the floor of Town Meeting largely due to the high cost of the engineering, with an uncertain future benefit for residents. While disappointing, it is understandable that voters would be cautious with this type of initiative; it would have required bold action on the part of taxpayers. I think I overestimated voter understanding of the issue, and we did not do a good enough job of providing voters with information needed to support the request. It is possible that we will be able to fund the engineering with a grant that will help to defray our cost, and with more companies doing this work, there are signs that the price will come down significantly, which will mean that waiting was not such a bad thing. I do still believe that a municipally owned fiber network would be a huge economic engine in Rockport. The technology committee is continuing to look at ways to move the idea forward, and generate more understanding and voter support.

After many months of work by the Ad Hoc Library Planning Committee (AHLPC), the failure of the library to pass by nine votes was disappointing. That said, it was not as if a small number of voters made the decision—83% of registered voters cast a ballot on the question. It would seem that nearly everyone who had an opinion weighed in with their vote. While this was disappointing, we have not given up hope that the town will support an initiative to build a new library. Many years of work went into getting this ballot initiative to the voters, and following the failed vote the Select Board began to look at all the work done over the past year by the AHLPC to try to determine a way forward. After several months and many meetings, they ultimately made the decision that the library would remain where it has been, at One Limerock Street, and it would be smaller and less expensive than the one proposed on the November ballot. How much smaller and how much less expensive is still the subject of debate. They also abandoned the idea of bringing the initiative back to voters on the June ballot, and are working to develop a plan that the voters can support.

I want to say thank you to the citizens of Rockport for allowing me to serve the town. It is a pleasure and an honor to do so. We have gotten a lot done over the past year and I expect more great things in the coming year.

# TOWN OF ROCKPORT

## SIX YEAR BUDGET COMPARISON - FYE 06/30/12 - 06/30/17

DESCRIPTION	BUDGET F/Y/E 6/30/2012	BUDGET F/Y/E 6/30/2013	BUDGET F/Y/E 6/30/2014	BUDGET F/Y/E 6/30/2015	BUDGET F/Y/E 6/30/2016	BUDGET F/Y/E 6/30/2017
Municipal Operating Expenses	3,037,834 -2.29%	3,212,324 5.74%	3,549,254 10.49%	3,577,011 0.78%	3,964,260 10.83%	4,267,436 7.65%
Municipal Capital Expenses	668,841 -8.14%	779,747 16.58%	623,691 -20.01%	667,861 7.08%	703,750 5.37%	988,267 40.43%
Schools	8,661,651 3.95%	8,597,653 -0.74%	8,783,202 2.16%	9,107,286 3.69%	9,204,633 1.07%	8,835,591 -4.01%
County	875,357 0.79%	854,034 -2.44%	886,566 3.81%	869,039 -1.98%	937,590 7.89%	1,013,095 8.05%
M.C.S.W.C.	150,722 -7.08%	153,628 1.93%	150,685 -1.92%	152,845 1.43%	154,785 1.27%	159,011 2.73%
Tax Overlay	58,470 85.00%	77,728 32.94%	152,295 95.93%	78,859 -48.22%	97,327 23.42%	61,180 -37.14%
Tax Increment Financing	53,956 -1.92%	51,991 -3.64%	50,005 -3.82%	47,602 -4.81%	61,180 28.52%	45,610 -25.45%
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS (A)</b>	<b>13,506,831 1.36%</b>	<b>13,727,105 1.63%</b>	<b>14,195,698 3.41%</b>	<b>14,500,503 2.15%</b>	<b>15,123,525 4.30%</b>	<b>15,370,190 1.63%</b>
Actual* State Revenue Sharing Received	182,485 8.53%	176,756 -3.14%	122,000 -30.98%	117,000 -4.10%	120,656 3.12%	117,523 -2.60%
State Revenue Sharing from/to Deferred Income	0	0	0	8,333	6,665 -20.02%	0 -100.00%
Total Actual* State Revenue Sharing	182,485 14.34%	176,756 -3.14%	122,000 -30.98%	125,333 2.73%	127,321 1.59%	117,523 -7.70%
Total Budgeted State Revenue Sharing	182,485 14.34%	176,756 -3.14%	122,000 -30.98%	117,000 -4.10%	120,656 3.12%	117,523 -2.60%
\$\$ From Surplus to Help Offset Capital Expenses	80,000	110,000 37.50%	-100.00%	60,000	110,000 83.33%	51,000 -53.64%
All Other Revenue	1,455,199 -7.83%	1,554,053 6.79%	1,366,138 -12.09%	1,426,199 4.40%	1,496,290 4.91%	1,572,303 5.08%
<b>TOTAL REVENUE (B)</b>	<b>1,637,684 -4.98%</b>	<b>1,730,809 5.69%</b>	<b>1,488,138 -14.02%</b>	<b>1,543,199 3.70%</b>	<b>1,616,946 4.78%</b>	<b>1,689,826 4.51%</b>
<b>NET TO BE RAISED BY TAXES (A-B)</b>	<b>11,869,147 2.30%</b>	<b>11,996,296 1.07%</b>	<b>12,707,560 5.93%</b>	<b>12,957,304 1.97%</b>	<b>13,506,579 4.24%</b>	<b>13,680,364 1.29%</b>
Ending Undesignated Fund Balance*	1,792,279	1,867,713	1,848,740	2,196,445	2,314,732	
<b>TAXABLE VALUATION</b>	<b>966,552,400 -3.09%</b>	<b>980,380,500 1.43%</b>	<b>990,949,920 1.08%</b>	<b>994,699,920 0.38%</b>	<b>1,019,568,737 2.50%</b>	<b>959,694,395 -5.87%</b>
<b>TAX RATE</b>	<b>.01164 89.00%</b>	<b>.01221 4.90%</b>	<b>.01221 0.00%</b>	<b>.01269 3.93%</b>	<b>0.01299 2.36%</b>	<b>.01406 8.24%</b>

\*Actual State Revenue Sharing and Undesignated Fund Balance for FYE 06/30/17 will not be known until after 06/30/17.

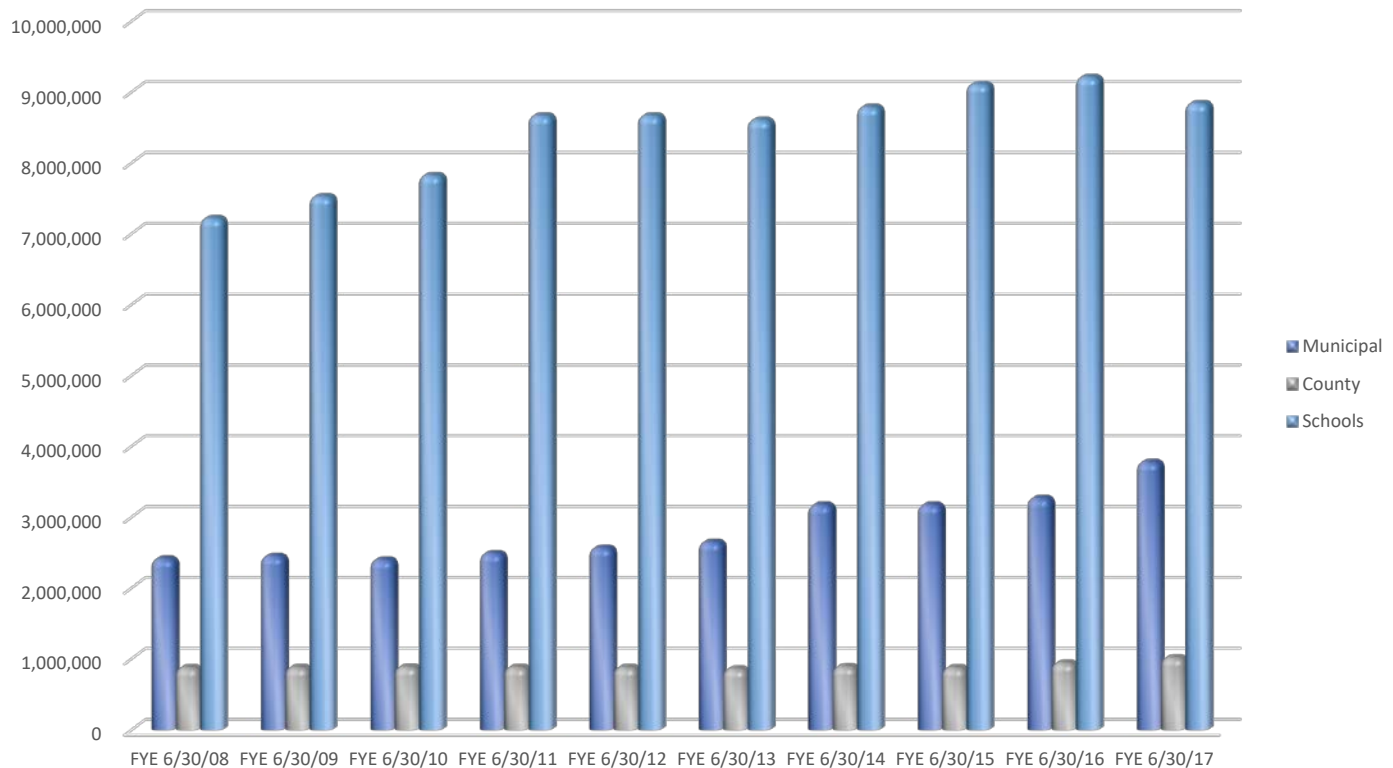


**TOWN OF ROCKPORT**  
**Schools - County - Municipal**  
**NET Budgets FYE 06/30/08 - 06/30/17**

**School - County - Municipal FYE 06/30/2008 to 06/30/2017**

	NET BUDGETS										% of Tax
	FYE 6/30/08	FYE 6/30/09	FYE 6/30/10	FYE 6/30/11	FYE 6/30/12	FYE 6/30/13	FYE 6/30/14	FYE 6/30/15	FYE 6/30/16	FYE 6/30/17	
<b>Municipal</b>	2,405,279	2,442,384	2,392,072	2,481,010	2,560,006	2,642,734	3,166,356	3,166,358	3,260,364	3,770,498	27.69%
Annual Change		1.54%	-2.06%	3.72%	3.18%	3.23%	19.81%	0.00%	2.97%	15.65%	
<b>County</b>	870,695	873,728	880,630	875,357	875,357	854,034	886,566	869,039	937,590	1,013,095	7.44%
Annual Change		0.35%	0.79%	-0.60%	0.00%	-2.44%	3.81%	-1.98%	7.89%	8.05%	
<b>Schools</b>	7,211,801	7,520,500	7,817,316	8,659,847	8,659,847	8,597,847	8,783,202	9,107,286	9,204,630	8,835,591	64.88%
Annual Change		4.28%	3.95%	10.78%	0.00%	-0.72%	2.16%	3.69%	1.07%	-4.01%	
	10,487,775	10,836,612	11,090,018	12,016,214	12,095,210	12,094,615	12,836,124	13,142,683	13,402,584	13,619,184	100.00%
	7.08%	3.33%	2.34%	8.35%	0.66%	0.00%	6.13%	2.39%	1.98%	1.62%	

**School - County - Municipal**  
**Net Budgets FYE 6/30/08 thru 6/30/17**



# OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

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## ***Mission Statement***

*The mission of the town clerk/tax collector's office is to accurately maintain all town records, conduct elections with professionalism in accordance with State Law, issue state and town licenses, and provide information to both town officials and the general public in a friendly, professional and confidential manner.*

As your town clerk, I would like to express my gratitude to my deputy town clerk, assistant town clerk, election clerks, fellow employees, town manager, Select Board, committees, family and residents for their continued support and assistance for another great year.

Thank you to all who participated and planned the events of our celebration of Rockport's 125<sup>th</sup> year. We had a tremendous turnout for the events. There was a firefighter's ball; a parade; a fantastic dinner on the bridge; a fireside chat with our elders with great music at the Opera House; Anniversary Celebration at the Opera House; a baked bean supper at the Masonic Lodge; a Blood Feud at the Masonic Lodge; a play about Rockport (*Home by the Sea*) by the fourth grade, led by Scott Dyer; a Select Board snowball exchange between Rockport's and Camden's Boards and town managers, held at the arch; plus other events. A special thank you to all who worked to make this celebration something to remember.

Some of the highlights this past year were: We collected \$804,403.52 in excise tax and \$13,917,225.46 million in real estate taxes. Two thousand three hundred and sixty-two residents voted in the November election, which represents 83.50 % of our registered voters. We issued a total of 144 hunting, fishing, archery and other licenses this year. We also issued a total of 682 dog licenses, which includes two service dogs, six hundred and thirteen dogs that had been spayed or neutered, and sixty-three dogs that were not spayed or neutered.



**Town Clerk/Tax Collector - *continued***

We issued eighty-three certified marriage certificates, thirty-four marriage licenses, six hundred and eighty-five certified birth certificates; we had twenty-two new Rockport residents (13 males and 9 females), issued eleven hundred and eighty-four certified death certificates and we had nineteen resident's deaths (12 males and 7 females).

<i><u>Name</u></i>	<i><u>Age</u></i>	<i><u>Date of Death</u></i>
Bishop, Robert Daniel	16	03/29/2016
Clement, William Carl	63	03/26/2016
Crandall, William Humphrey	83	10/31/2016
Eaton, Gregory Paul	60	04/08/2016
Fitzgerald, Annie Hazel	84	08/09/2016
Fogg, Wilbur Allan	75	04/17/2016
Giles, Linda E.	72	04/20/2016
Grant, Mildred Jean	93	05/08/2016
Hall, Lucille Dean	92	06/20/2016
Henry, Robert William Sr.	87	09/22/2016
Hutcheson, Anthony W.	51	02/03/2016
Johnson, Marion Arlene	81	07/19/2016
Mank, Elwin Stanley	88	05/10/2016
Ripley, Richard L.	75	02/03/2016
Robertson, Richard Gilbert	73	11/29/2016
Schulz, Clarence Gallagher	94	11/25/2016
Spirio, Angelo Joseph	95	03/20/2016
Steinhagen, Jennifer	52	05/26/2016
Wiley, Judith Hite	72	05/20/2016

# FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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## ***Mission Statement***

*The mission of the Finance Department is to properly maintain and report on all expenditures and revenues of the town; to assist town management in developing a budget annually according to GFOA's best recommended practices; to process all government reporting regarding personnel in a timely manner; to assist personnel in their human resources needs; and to provide accurate financial information.*

The cash requirements for the operations of the town for the fiscal year ending (FYE) June 30, 2016, exceeded \$17.3 million. The town did not borrow any tax anticipation notes during the year; the diminished need to borrow in anticipation of taxes is due in large part to having earlier tax due dates and keeping a healthy unassigned fund balance.

I can report the following on the financial condition of the town for the FYE 2016:

- The Unassigned Fund Balance (UFB) as of June 30, 2016 was \$2,314,732, which was an increase of \$118,287 from the previous year. The increase was a result of a combination of factors: higher than anticipated revenues and an increase in expenditures, as well as use of funds from other sources.
- Rockport currently is a partner in an interlocal agreement with the towns of Camden, Lincolnville, and Hope in operating the Mid-Coast Solid Waste recycling facility. Operating costs are shared by the municipalities involved, based on a formula of average valuation and population. The fiscal year assessment for the Town of Rockport was \$154,785, which was an increase of 1.3% from the previous year; the assessment for FYE June 30, 2017 is \$155,651, which represents a decrease of 2.1%.
- The Town of Rockport's assessment for MSAD 28 for 2016 was \$5,285,686, a 0.9% increase. The assessment for the Five Town CSD was \$3,918,947, a 1.8% increase. For the FYE 2018, we are expecting that Rockport's share will see a decrease of about 10% due to change in attendance and valuation in the town.
- The assessment for Knox County taxes was \$937,590, which is a 7.9% increase for FYE 2016. Dispatch fees were an additional \$28,670 (a 0.7% increase). And County E-911 fees were an additional \$58,185 (an increase of 0.7%). Overall county fees saw an increase of 7.2% in FYE 2016.

## **Finance Department - *continued***

- Rockport shares in the cost of Camden's Treatment Plant and Rawson Avenue Pump Station by contributing annually to its share of Camden's debt. A new sewer bond was procured in November, 2014, for the sewer expansion project along the northern section of U.S. Route 1. The principal of the bond is \$539,000, which carries an interest rate of 0.45% for 20 years. The final bond payment will be due on November 1, 2033.

For more detailed information about the town's financial condition, to review the audit report, quarterly reports to the Select Board, or to review the proposed budget for FYE 2018 please visit the town website at [www.town.rockport.me.us](http://www.town.rockport.me.us), click on Departments, and then Finance Department.

Over the past year we developed a draft version of a Capital Improvement Plan. The Capital Improvement Committee and the Select Board will start meeting in May, 2017; to review the plan and add input, you can access the draft version of this plan on the town's website.

New this year, we will be submitting the annual budget for recognition from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). Over the past year we have made a lot of additions to the budget, and hope that it will now be certified by the GFOA. We welcome all suggestions to improve the annual budget.

In closing, I would like to thank the Select Board and town manager for the opportunity to continue my career with the town. I would also like to thank department heads and employees for their continued support.



# GENERAL ASSISTANCE

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## ***Mission Statement***

*The mission of General Assistance is to provide basic necessities such as food, shelter, utilities, fuel, and certain other items, that may be essential to residents and families in Rockport during a time of need.*

The purpose of General Assistance (GA) is to provide necessities such as food, shelter, utilities, fuel, and certain other items—it is not intended to provide total support to people. GA is the program of last resort, meaning people should have exhausted all other programs before they are assisted by the town. We are reimbursed by the State of Maine 70 percent—which is up from 50 percent reimbursement in the last fiscal year—for all costs associated with necessity expenditures; we are not reimbursed for our administrative costs.

The Select Board adopted a General Assistance Ordinance in 1993 establishing this program for the Town of Rockport. The ordinance was last amended October 10, 2013. The program is available as determined by the standards of eligibility as provided in the ordinance.

It is important that the general assistance administrator is properly trained and understands the complexity of the General Assistance Laws and Ordinances. Properly administering the program keeps the Town of Rockport in compliance with the Department of Health and Human Services when our annual audit is performed, and allows us to receive that 70 percent reimbursement.

I teach and attend trainings to keep abreast of law changes and to learn from many experienced administrators across the state how to assist citizens in the best possible way.

We also received some very generous monetary donations from citizens this year, which is in the true nature of giving.

Office hours are by appointment only, at the Town Office located at 101 Main Street. Appointments may be scheduled by calling 236-0806. In an after-hour emergency, or on weekends, please call the Knox County Sheriff's Department at 594-5656.

To report alleged violations call the Maine Department of Health and Human Services at 1-800-442-6003.

# ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

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## ***Mission Statement***

*The Assessor's Office serves to provide the taxpayers of Rockport with fair and equitable valuations of their real and personal estates through effective professionalism, innovative technology, and application of reliable, consistent procedures in accordance with Maine State Law. The Assessor's Office is committed to maintaining positive public relations through courtesy and integrity and to provide responsible stewardship of public resources.*

I'm pleased to report that things have been running smoothly in the assessing department this year. Real estate values have firmed some since the 2015 revaluation. Our assessed values to sale prices ratio is holding steady at a range of 97–100% in all categories. As a result, there have been very few credible valuation challenges (usually in the form of abatement applications and abatement appeals), which has helped me stay focused on my normal responsibilities.

The arrangement of me working for Rockport and Camden is also going well—so well, in fact, we are now also sharing Assistant Assessor Caitlin Anderson. Caitlin is, like me, a Certified Maine Assessor (CMA). Caitlin's situation is similar to mine, but in reverse. She is a full-time employee of Camden, just as I am a full-time employee of Rockport. The towns contract with one another to share our services: me to Camden and Caitlin to Rockport. The shared percentage of our time differs, but the benefit to both towns is equal.

And speaking of sharing, I share an administrative assistant in Rockport with Finance Director Megan Brackett. Sarah Gilbride has done an outstanding job, and as time goes by has been willing and able to take on more of my routine—and a few not-so-routine—tasks. She is an asset to me and to you as well. Sarah is most likely the person who will answer your questions when you call or visit the office. Problems only get to me if they stump Sarah—and that's getting harder to do.

The three of us—Sarah, Caitlin and I—are pleased to be serving the citizens of Rockport. It is our goal to handle your assessing needs with equity and fairness, and we hope you consider yourselves well served by our collective effort.

On a sad note, we had to accept the resignation of good friend and long-time Board of Assessment Review Chairman Doug Linder. Doug has served on the board as its chairman since 1994. There were some rough years in there (remember the difficulties of the early 2000s?) and Doug handled it all, with his usual patience, even-handedness and kind-hearted compassion. It is with deep appreciation that we reflect on Doug's many years of volunteer service to the Board of Assessment Review.

# PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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## ***Mission Statement***

*The Department shall be a customer-oriented community resource to provide high-quality land use planning information and project management for the benefit of residents of Rockport. Staff shall prepare comprehensive, well-researched support for decision making by the appropriate Boards and Committees and responses to public inquiries in a timely and professional manner.*

## **Permit Data**

Building permits and other permits issued by a code enforcement officer (without Planning Board or ZBA approval) and other permits under the Land Use Ordinance (LUO) increased marginally in 2016. We issued 254 of these building and LUO-related permits in calendar year 2016 as compared to 236 in 2015. The previous few annual totals are still significantly lower than the average total of building and LUO-related permits per year since 2010, which is 288.

	Planning Board & ZBA Approvals	Applications per LUO & Building Code	SSWD & Internal Plumbing Applications
2016	13	254	87
2015	12	236	74
2014	11	256	87
2013	16	285	100
2012	15	325	71
2011	13	320	86
2010	14	337	79
Average	13	288	83

The plumbing permit data were also somewhat better for 2016. These are permits issued under the State Internal Plumbing Code (Internal) and Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules (SSWD). The total number was 87 in the calendar year 2016, as compared to 74 issued in 2015. The average total number of such permits issued per year since 2010 is 83.

The Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) completed 13 approvals in calendar year 2016, on par with the previous few years. Tracking of Planning Board and ZBA decisions prior to 2014 is somewhat approximate, but it appears that we have averaged 13 such approvals per year since 2010 (see table above).

### **Planning Board & Zoning Board of Appeals**

The Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals play important roles in the development review process and we take the work of these committed volunteers seriously. As I continue to get to know Rockport I recently read some of the records of the Select Board's fall 2012 Listening Tour. I understand better now why perceptions of inconsistent and heavy-handed interpretations of the ordinances were common in the local business community at that time, perhaps especially during the economic recession which began in 2008. We are mindful that the pendulum swings in both directions over time. A Planning Board cannot afford a reputation as a "rubber stamp" any better than it can afford to be seen as antidevelopment. Nevertheless, we have made it a priority to improve on the perceptions reported during that Listening Tour.

The town should be proud of the progress both boards have made. Under Chair John Alexander, whose third and final three-year term expires in June, 2018, the Planning Board has made good use of the past few relatively slow years to work on its procedures. We are implementing flow charts and checklists for Site Plan and Subdivision Plan review and a process for the production of the board's all-important "findings of fact," ideally signed in the applicant's presence at the same time as plan approval, in a manner consistent with the latest opinions of the Maine Supreme Court (aka "the Law Court"). In 2016, several members of both boards attended training by the Maine Municipal Association. Both the Planning Board and ZBA now have contractors and small business owners represented in their ranks.

### **Ordinance Work**

By design, the ZBA has seen a lot less action in recent years. This is partly the result of continuing work on the town's adopted Land Use Ordinance (LUO). Through steady progress on revisions to the LUO we have reduced the number of types of projects requiring the ZBA's "Special Exception" approval (known as Conditional Use in many other jurisdictions). Further amendments to the LUO are in the works to eliminate some Special Exception criteria that are now highly duplicative of the development review process for Site Plan approval by the Planning Board, which is also required in most cases (a 2016 decision by the Law Court, entitled "Bryant v. Town of Camden," illustrates this problem). The process for changes to the LUO involves an extensive series of workshop-style meetings during the winter season each year.

If you have questions or suggestions on the LUO or any other town ordinance, or if you would like to participate in committee work on future amendments, please contact the Planning and Community Development Department. Warrant Articles on seven new LUO amendments are presented to the citizens of Rockport with this report for your vote at the June 2017 Annual Town Meeting. This represents an increase over the four and five such amendments all approved by wide margins at the 2015 and 2016 Annual Town Meetings, respectively. Another ordinance amendment relating to land use decision-making was approved at the November 2016 Special Town Meeting, which is the Road Acceptance Ordinance. Another Warrant Article is presented to you now to request acceptance of a portion of a subdivision road.

If you have questions on this year's slate of proposed amendments or the question of road acceptance recommended by the Select Board on behalf of the lot owners in the Bay Ridge IV subdivision, please see our Voter's Guide and do not hesitate to contact us.

## **Planning and Community Development - *continued***

### **Maine Uniform Building Code**

Perhaps the most significant change to the ordinances in 2016 was the adoption of the Maine Uniform Building Code (MUBC) by Rockport voters at last year's Annual Town Meeting.

The codes became effective July 1, 2016. This statewide set of codes is normally referred to as the Maine Uniform Building *and Energy* Code or "MUBEC," however in Rockport we are subject only to Maine Uniform Building and Code or "MUBC," minus the "E." This means the essential building standards and application requirements are the same in Rockport as they are in Camden and Rockland except that, unlike our somewhat larger neighbors, the Town of Rockport did not adopt those "E" or energy standards, which relate primarily to insulation requirements.

Rockport has some flexibility in implementing these statewide codes as long as the town's official year-round population remains below 4,000. Early adoption brings with it some leeway for Rockport's local contractors to educate themselves on new standards. On the other hand, for larger contractors already building to a uniform code elsewhere around the state, adopting MUBC has the effect of leveling the playing field for bidding, construction standards and life safety requirements. Over time, it is hoped that homebuyers and the general public, not to mention lenders and insurers, will benefit from improved safety and durability.

### **Staff News**

Diane Hamilton was hired in January, 2016, to fill the administrative assistant position. Diane is excelling in the day-to-day permitting processes of the code enforcement officer and local plumbing inspector (Scott Bickford) and is more than able to assist with the materials we provide for the Planning Board each month. In addition, Diane's drive and organizational ability have helped foster a stronger culture of cross-training in the Town Office. She now serves as payroll clerk and safety training coordinator, with her desk forming a literal and figurative "hub" for other departments.

Also with Diane's support I have assumed primary responsibility for scheduling and public notice for regular meetings of the town's appointed boards and committees that was previously handled by the Town Manager's office. Town Manager Rick Bates and I consider quality control in this area to be an essential tool for all types of Community Development work. Please monitor the calendar on the front page of the town's website and let us know any suggestions you may have for improving public participation in decision making by the various volunteer boards and committees.

### **Other Boards & Committees**

To the chairs of these boards and committees, first, thank you! Your commitment to service is critical to the town's success. Any effort you make to stick to a regular day and time, provide a detailed agenda, and document your discussions helps encourage quality public participation. If you need help with those administrative tasks, we are here to assist you. As you proceed in this work, please keep the town manager's advice in mind: "If Diane doesn't know, then nobody knows," about any changes to your meeting schedule!

Would you like to be more involved in the work of the Planning and Community Development Department? Please do not hesitate to get in touch. It is an honor to serve the Town of Rockport.



# ROCKPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY

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*Substitute Library Assistant*

Fran Hodgkins

## ***Mission Statement***

*Rockport Public Library is committed to providing the best possible free library service to all of the residents of the Town of Rockport. The library will identify and respond to the needs of our community of library users and seek to provide services that will meet these needs.*

A lot has happened in the last year at our little library. We are steadily settling into our new home, and every day we try to make the temporary site work better as a library. I'm very proud of all the improvements the staff have made to this old warehouse, which is looking better and better all the time. It will never be a great space for a library and we outgrew it the day we moved in, but we work hard every day to overcome the issues with space and the challenges of hosting programs in the temporary location.

## **The Future of the Library**

Question 4 to approve the design, construction and equipping of a new library failed to pass by nine votes in November: 1151 people voted for the question and 1160 people voted against it. This vote reflects a community still undecided on what it wants out of its community library. However, the fact remains that a new space for the library is needed. The staff, Library Committee, town manager and the Select Board are working very hard, with input from the community, to find a path forward for the Rockport Public Library. This work is in process right now so stay tuned to both the library's and town's websites for new information.

## **The Library Staff**

In the spring of 2016 we hired Keith Drago to fill our vacant deputy director and adult services library position. He has been a great addition to the staff and found his place on the Rockport team very fast. Keith is a tech wizard, our nonfiction resident expert, and has been programming up a storm of high quality events for adults. With the addition of Keith, we are now fully staffed.

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### Some Facts

Some great stats from the year:

	2015/2016
<b>Materials Circulated</b>	59,568*
<b>Patron Visits</b>	43,627
<b>Programs Offered</b>	477
<b>Computer Access</b>	4875

\*Includes 5,955 incoming interlibrary loan materials borrowed by library patrons.

With Rockport's population of approximately 3,321, the library's circulation equals 17.9 items borrowed per capita. If those books or other materials were bought, rather than borrowed from the library, it would have cost about \$411 per person. That does not even begin to include the value patrons received for program attendance, technical help or internet usage.

### Programs & Services

Each year in October the library and the Friends of Rockport Public Library hold the Seafaring Series, and this year's was simply huge! The events with Peter Ralston and Linda Greenlaw Wessel each drew over a hundred people, and the other two events in the series were also very well attended. Congratulations to all the people who worked so hard to pull off another great Seafaring Series.

This year instead of having a big Halloween party for children we held Halloween-themed events throughout October. The highlight was our afternoon of pumpkin painting. Families painted pumpkins that they could then take home, and it was all free—the pumpkins were donated by a generous patron.

Our Children's and Youth Services Librarian Ben Odgren has strengthened our ties with the Camden Rockport Middle School, by starting a wonderful after-school writing club with the students, there at the school. The group started small but has grown to ten dedicated young writers.

We have again been working with Five Town CSD Adult & Community Education to teach technology classes, which have been very well received and attended. The classes have been centered on basic computer skills and social media applications, but we hope to expand our partnership and the types of classes offered as time goes on.

With your library card, free downloadable audiobooks and eBooks are available to you from the library's website, and if you need help navigating the eBook frontier, the staff is prepared to help with that. We also offer free tech help every Thursday afternoon from 4:00 to 5:30 PM for anyone who needs assistance with anything from sending emails, to freeing up space on their iPhone, to getting started with a new e-reader.

The library's key services include not only books and magazines, but also music, ukuleles, DVDs, jigsaw puzzles, Kindles, downloadable eBooks, a telescope, access to computers, and interlibrary loan service. As we say in our vision statement, "The Rockport Public Library is a growing, people-centered community hub that goes beyond providing information and learning resources; it offers cultural

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enrichment, enhances collaboration, inspires innovation, forges connections, and sparks creativity and enjoyment.”

### Thank You

- *Taxpayers:* The Town of Rockport pays staff salaries and benefits, wastewater and audit expenses. The rest of the costs for running the library—everything from the books to the electricity—are covered through the endowment, donations, and desk funds.
- *Volunteers:* In 2015/2016, volunteers gave 503 hours of work to the library, not including all the volunteer efforts on behalf of the Friends of the Rockport Library. We are so grateful for their generosity with their time and expertise.
- *Friends of the Rockport Public Library:* The Friends work all year long to host one of the most successful annual book sales around, and they support other projects and programs with the proceeds from that sale. This past year they presented the library with a check for \$16,000! They split the donation into two \$8,000 pieces—half went to the library’s general fund and half went to fund a new library building for Rockport. We depend on the proceeds of this sale to help support the overall operations of the library not funded by the town. Thanks also to all the members of the Friends board, who are a dedicated group of people.
- *Donors:* The remainder of the library budget is covered by gifts (restricted and unrestricted); income from the Rockport Library Trust Fund; and desk income, including printing fees, nonresident fees, and overdue fines. Expenses include such items as library materials, technology, internet access, furniture, program costs, electricity, interlibrary loan costs, and more. The financial support of our patrons, no matter the denomination, is critical to the successful operation of the library, and we are so grateful to all our donors!
- *Ad Hoc Library Planning Committee:* Committee Members are Eric Denny, Erik Frederick, Ann Filley, Library Committee liaison Stevie Kumble, Heather Mackey, Select Board liaison Brendan Riordan, Chair Jan Rosenbaum, and Vice Chair Joe Sternowski. They all worked tirelessly to choose an architect, gather community input and design a new library. This was hard work and the committee did a great job!
- *Library Committee:* We want to recognize the members of the Library Committee: Paul Charbonneau, Ann Filley (chairperson), Eliza Haselton (treasurer), and Stephanie Kumble (secretary). Thank you for your time, support, and advocacy on behalf of the library. This is a big job and the committee does it well.
- *Colleagues and Staff:* Thanks to the town manager, town department heads and other town staff, including the library staff. This has been a big year, and all of the town departments have helped bring the library to where it is today.
- *Residents of Rockport:* If you are a town resident your library card is free because your tax dollars help support the library. Thank you. If you haven’t visited lately, we hope you will come for a visit and discover what your local library has to offer. We look forward to serving you.

## LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

### ENDOWMENT FUNDS

<b>Portfolio Value on 7/1/2015</b>	<b>\$ 882,132.60</b>
Income	
Interest	\$ 8,704.18
Dividends	\$ 11,498.68
Transfers and Expenditures	
Transfers to Operating Funds Account	\$ (33,540.00)
Transfers from Operating Funds Account	
Management Fees	\$ (6,724.55)
Change in Market Value	
Unrealized Gain on Investments Retained	\$ 20,164.07
Realized Loss on Investments Sold	\$ (61,022.15)
<b>Portfolio Value on 6/30/2016</b>	<b>\$ 821,212.83</b>

### OPERATIONS FUNDS

<b>Balance Available for Operations on 7/1/2015</b>	<b>\$ 24,677.75</b>
Deposits	
Transfers from Endowment Funds	\$ 33,540.00
Gifts	\$ 201,661.18
Fines, Non-Resident Fees, Copies, Misc.	\$ 4,967.39
Bank Interest	\$ 9.19
Total Deposits	\$ 240,177.76
Expenditures	
Purchased and Contractual Services	\$ (32,235.39)
Other Contractual Services	\$ (372.20)
Supplies	\$ (33,807.52)
Capital Items	\$ (229.99)
Special Building Fund	\$ (70,651.85)
Transfers to Endowment Funds	\$ -
Total Expenditures	\$ (137,296.95)
<b>Balance Available for Operations on 6/30/2016</b>	<b>\$ 127,558.56</b>

### ENDOWMENT FUND BALANCES

Chatfield Fund	\$ 11,588.75
Rockport Library	\$ 691,319.98
Dodge Fund	\$ 7,696.58
Gardiner Fund	\$ 26,473.95
Ellis Fund	\$ 33,317.19
Boyd Fund	\$ 15,304.44
Rohrbough Fund	\$ 37,703.68

# ROCKPORT OPERA HOUSE

[www.rockportoperahouse.com](http://www.rockportoperahouse.com)  
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In 2016 the Rockport Opera House was home to an incredible mix of talent and entertainment, thanks to clients such as Bay Chamber Concerts, Maine Media Workshops + College, Pecha Kucha, Camden International Film Festival (CIFF), and many others. We saw improved civic engagement thanks to efforts by town management to host meetings in the meeting room and broadcast them online.

This year marks my first full year as house manager at Rockport Opera House. I have enjoyed getting to know the faces in this community and event organizers. It is clear this area has a wealth of talent. Thank you all for your hospitality and warm welcome. A large amount of gratitude goes to Susan Dates for her time and expertise in training me for this position—she has been a wealth of knowledge from the beginning.

## **2016 Improvements and Statistics**

Special focus in 2016 was on enhancing services provided to our renters. Efforts in social media marketing were vamped up for our rental clients and town meetings with the intent to help our renters achieve success with their productions. A monthly email newsletter was developed with the help of Adventure Advertising, letting subscribers know about upcoming events at Rockport Opera House. Please subscribe to this email newsletter at [www.RockportOperaHouse.com](http://www.RockportOperaHouse.com).

The Rockport Opera House website received design updates geared towards helping to promote events including a new rotating banner on the home page, a new blog used to get word out with press releases, and a signup button for the monthly email newsletter. An FAQ page was added to help quickly answer frequent questions from interested parties. Online ticket sales were added as an a la carte option for clients selling tickets to shows at the Opera House.

In fact, many great shows were seen at Rockport Opera House during the year. Bay Chamber Concerts, one of our frequent, high-use clients, offered concerts throughout the year and Maine Media Workshops + College returned with their summer lecture series. Pecha Kucha provided an evening of slide show talks. CIFF returned for a second year using the Opera House as a venue and increasing the number of films screened in our facility. Everyman Repertory Theatre held two special readings, and Ashwood-Waldorf hosted several fund-raising events including a play, film screening, and live music and dancing. Musical performers included Skip Gorman and Connie Dover, Down East Singers, Folk Arts Rajasthan, Maine Pro Musica, The Hyssongs, State Street Traditional Jazz Band, and the DaPonte String Quartet.

The building was used at least 178 days in 2016, often with multiple events scheduled the same day in both the auditorium and meeting room. While the number of days used decreased from the 190 days used in 2015, we saw an increase in revenue for the fiscal year ending (FYE) in June 2016 compared to 2015. This trend continues upward for projected revenues in FYE 2017. Because our prices have not increased

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in many years, this points to increased use by paying groups. (Town committees and boards do not pay to use the meeting room but do pay for Opera House staff hours as needed.)

### **Town Meetings**

Continuing with our commitment to improve clarity and transparency in the operation of town government, Rockport Opera House partnered with the Town Office to help get word out about upcoming town meetings, using social media and our email newsletter to announce meeting broadcasts. We also explored ways to make the Rockport Livestream page more user friendly.

The meeting room was used often by the town for the Select Board, Planning Board, and occasionally by the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Ad Hoc Library Planning Committee met often to discuss plans for the future of the Rockport Public Library, hear presentations from prospective architects, and host a public forum in the auditorium regarding their article on the November 2016 ballot. The Technology Committee also used the space to discuss a proposal to extend a fiber network throughout Rockport. The Camden-Rockport Middle School Building Project used the meeting room for a public forum, using Livestream to help deliver and archive information about a new middle school building. Other town uses included meetings held by Mid-Coast Solid Waste Corporation, Friends of Rockport Library, and a candidate forum sponsored by VStv.

### **Physical Plant**

Several maintenance projects were undertaken this year in response to recommendations made by the State Fire Marshall's office. A fire suppression system was installed above the stove in our kitchen, new exit lights and egress lights were installed in the auditorium to make sure exits are clearly marked and easy to find in the event of a blackout.

Rockport Mechanical (now Seacoast Energy) and XL Mechanical worked together to install new digital controls for our HVAC system, which cut down on wasted use of heat and air conditioning by allowing us to schedule their use rather than place that burden on the renter. Rockport Mechanical also repaired a leak in our coolant system. These two repairs greatly improved the performance of our air conditioning. Research was performed by ICDS and Rockport Mechanical to propose ways to maintain our air handling system and eventually replace the air condenser unit.

Richard Dinsmore joined our team in October. Richard brings with him several decades of experience in maintenance and operations. We also welcomed a new video technician, Juniper Purinton. Juniper's expertise in directing presentations and trouble-shooting technical issues has been a valuable contribution to our audio visual team. We truly have a staff of dedicated employees who go above and beyond for our clients.

### **The Opera House Team**

The work that goes on behind the scenes at Rockport Opera House cannot be accomplished without a team effort by so many thoughtful individuals who take pride in this building. Thank you to Select Board Liaison Geoff Parker for the original design, and your continued guidance on updates to our audio visual equipment and training; Randy Mank for your service over the years as our previous custodian; Town Manager Rick Bates for your support and vision of the Opera House potential; the Opera House Committee for your recommendations on building and policy improvements; Fire Chief Jason Peasley for



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your guidance on safety updates to the building; Diane Hamilton for your leadership in safety training of town employees and assistance with town meeting scheduling; Public Works Director Mike Young for your leadership and the entire Public Works Department for all your help with maintenance of the building when needed; Town Clerk Linda Greenlaw for your help with updating our contracts; Finance Department's Megan Bracket and Sarah Gilbride for your assistance in finding ways to expedite payment processing; and thank you to our security officers Ken Dirkes, Jerry Carr, and Richard Dinsmore.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** The Rockport Opera House, built in 1892, turns 125 years old in 2017! To celebrate our beloved building, the town will host a day of festivities, music, dancing, and great food on Saturday, August 12. Mark this date in your calendars, and plan to join us in the festivities. More details will be posted on our website as events are confirmed. We hope to see you there! If you are interested in sponsoring an activity for this event or in volunteering, contact House Manager Terri Lea Smith at [operahouse@town.rockport.me.us](mailto:operahouse@town.rockport.me.us) or 542-3555.



*Photos provided by the Rockport Opera House Facebook page and Terri Lea Smith*

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## *Mission Statement*

*The mission of the Rockport Fire Department is to protect its citizens and their property from fires and other emergencies. Our goal is to minimize the loss of life and property when fires and other emergencies do occur.*

2016 brought a total of 186 calls to 911 for assistance from the Fire Department. We welcomed three new members to the department, Clint Beveridge, Susan Simmons, and Junior Firefighter Eben Merrifield. The department also lost long-time member Michael Saunders. Several large grants and donations were received, allowing for newer upgraded equipment to be purchased.

Our year was very busy with mutual assistance calls for 13 structure fires. Of the 13, eight turned out to be a true fire that Rockport members assisted in extinguishing. There was a reduction in car accidents by almost 50% from previous years, with no calls for extrication.

Our newest members have hit the ground running, with Clint Beveridge taking multiple fire classes, Susan Simmons getting department interior certified, and Eben Merrifield taking part in all our yearly drills to learn the ways of Rockport Fire.

The Cascade Foundation made an extremely generous donation of \$30,000 to allow the department to purchase 16 sets of Globe Interior turnout gear and leather boots. The Stephen and Tabitha King

Foundation donated \$16,000, which assisted in purchasing a new electric fan, five Scott Sight masks with thermal imaging cameras built in, a Scott Rapid Intervention Pack, and several new smaller tools.



Overall the year continued to be busy with calls, two trainings each month, and several special training sessions beyond normal Thursday nights. Rockport Fire worked very close with Rockland Fire conducting three joint training sessions and walk-through of their trucks and equipment. Joint training is extremely important especially within mutual aid towns, as we all continue to work closer and closer together with fires in our communities.

*Photo by Holly Edwards and Pen Bay Pilot*

## ***BURN PERMIT INFORMATION***

Reminder: ALL burn permits are issued under the direct authority of Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry.

**Weekdays:** Burn permits can be obtained at the Fire Station between 7:00 AM and 4:00 PM; if the chief is not available you may obtain a permit at the Town Office only after going to the Fire Station first.

**Weekends & Holidays:** Burn permits must be obtained on the business day prior to the weekend or holiday at the fire station by 2:00 PM.

You should attempt to get your burn permits in the mornings at the Fire Station or the Town Office.

When burning to clean and/or dispose of wood and leaves you are required to obtain a burn permit. Only campfires for cooking, heat or ambiance are allowed without a permit.

ALL grass/field or blueberry burn permits must be obtained directly from the Fire Chief only.

You are no longer required to call on Saturday morning to activate your permit.

You may also go to [www.maineburnpermit.com](http://www.maineburnpermit.com) to obtain a permit for a \$7.00 fee.



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## Summary of Fire Department Activities

Fires in Buildings .....	4
Mutual Aid (Out of Town).....	13
Chimney Fires .....	4
Grass, Brush or Forest Fires.....	6
Cooking Errors .....	8
Smoke Investigations .....	4
Public Assistance .....	4
Oil or Gasoline Spills.....	2
Vehicle Accidents .....	37
Sprinkler Alarms .....	3
Alarm Investigation.....	62
LP Gas Leak.....	2
Dispatched & Canceled.....	4
Good Intent Calls .....	6
Wires/Power Lines Down .....	8
Flooded Cellars .....	5
Carbon Monoxide Incidents.....	8
Water Rescue .....	2
Odor Investigation.....	4
Bomb Threat .....	0
<b>Total Incidents.....</b>	<b>186</b>
Burning Permits – written .....	410
Burning Permits – online .....	145

### **Fire Equipment – Rockport**

2004 Freightliner, Ferrara 1250 g.p.m.  
pumper; 1000 gallon tank  
1996 Freightliner, Ferrara 1000 g.p.m.  
pumper; 1000 gallon tank  
1996 Freightliner Utility Truck  
1951 Willys Jeep  
1928 American LaFrance Ladder Truck

### **Fire Equipment – West Rockport**

2016 E-One Pumper, 1000 g.p.m, 1,000  
gallon tank, 4-person cab  
1987 Ford, Emergency One, 1000  
g.p.m. pumper; 1,000 gallon tank

## Firefighters

Jason Peasley, Chief  
Todd Philbrook, Deputy Chief  
John Wickenden, Assistant Chief  
Charles Pearson, Lt.  
Gregory Rollins, Lt.  
William Lane, Lt.  
David Leighton, Lt.  
Neal Bartley, Secretary & Treasurer  
Bruce Woodward  
Charles Knight  
Charles Foote, III  
Allen Mitchell  
Philip Brown  
Michael Callaway  
Justin Ford  
Ian Robertson  
Michael Robertson  
Levi Rollins  
John Sylvester  
Mike Eaton  
Dana Jackson  
Steve Laite  
Tyler Leighton  
Drew Long  
Billy Smith  
Royan Bartley  
Samantha Leighton  
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# HARBORMASTER

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## *Mission Statement*

*To preserve, promote, protect and  
progress the working Rockport waterfront.*

It was a busy and relatively dry season here in Rockport Harbor. Our first full season with the new floats that extend out in front of the pier helped take the burden off the other floats when we had overnight dockage customers, and the inside of the floats were used for some dinghy dockage, which continues to be in high demand. We began to accept credit and debit cards for dockage and merchandise and saw our merchandise sales double as a result of accepting cards.

Fox on the Run completed their third year in the harbor, offering lunch at the park Monday through Friday; there is always eager anticipation of their May 1 start date. The town celebrated its 125<sup>th</sup> birthday with a jazz concert in the park and a sold-out dinner on the Goose River Bridge. There was also the second annual Cardboard Box Boat Race, which will be held again in August, so stay tuned for details. Holiday on the Harbor was a celebration of the holidays and marked the end of the 2016 season, and despite extremely cold temperatures it was well attended.

There is still a wait list for both moorings and dinghy tie-offs. I will be reissuing at least 12 mooring spots, which will help move the list along. If all goes well with the budget we will be building a new dinghy dock to accommodate those who need to access their moorings. There will also be enough room for those who want to keep a small skiff on the dock for enjoying the harbor without needing to have a large boat.

In an effort to do what we can to promote water quality in the harbor we are going to try our best to keep the seaweed cleaned off the beach and ask that dogs be kept off the beach as well (dogs are welcome to swim off the launching ramp). We still are offering pump-outs for free (donations for operating costs accepted) and will be promoting the use of the pump-out station.

Please let me know if you have any suggestions or concerns for the future. Thank you for your continued support of Rockport Harbor and helping to make it one of the best places to work and play.

# **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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To the citizens of Rockport I respectfully submit the Rockport Police Department annual report. 2016 brought a number of changes to the Rockport Police Department. On July 1, long-time Chief Mark Kelley retired after serving 30 years with the department, 19 of those as its chief. Chief Kelley, following in the footsteps of Chief Forrest Doucette and Chief Pearly Sprague, was a true community police officer. Rumor has it you could set your watch by the numerous stops he made during his daily tour of duty throughout the Town of Rockport. Although Mark may have retired, everyone knows he will stay committed to community service within the Town of Rockport. We all wish him the best!

With the retirement of Chief Kelley I was asked if I would step in and act as interim police chief in addition to my duties as Camden's police chief. A Rockport native with family roots going back to the 1930s, I jumped at the opportunity. I was both honored and excited to take on this assignment, but I knew this would not work unless I had the support of both departments, town managers, Select Boards, and citizens of Camden and Rockport. It was clear from day one that everyone was in support—I can't thank everyone enough for the support you have given.

We entered into this new chapter with many changes, putting into place an Interim Police Chief Agreement with the Town of Camden, a new mutual aid agreement that allows: cross-supervision between departments; officers responding within each jurisdiction for serious calls and automatic response of additional officers to serious situations; a complete overhaul of departmental policies, training records; and assessments of departmental needs, training, and equipment.

We hit the ground running on July 2, 2016. Officers from both Rockport and Camden were cross-sworn into both towns. Both departments now having matching departmental policies and procedures, supervision for officers comes from both departments, and supervisors from both agencies monitor the activities in each jurisdiction while on duty. Camden assumes supervisory responsibility when there is no supervisor in Rockport, and Rockport assumes responsibility when there is no supervisor in Camden.

This partnership has been working incredibly well. Not only are we supplying better service to both communities, we are also making it much safer for our responding officers. I see nothing but positives by sharing services. We are still two separate departments, each having individual identities. We do, however, share the same mission, and that is to provide professional law enforcement service to the communities of Rockport and Camden.

I look forward to what the future brings to our departments and towns. Our two towns working together may serve as a role model for other similarly-situated communities.



**Police Department - continued**

	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
911 Hangup	65	74	102	52
Abandoned Vehicle	5	10	4	5
Administrative	79	89	111	118
Agency Assistance	251	240	214	225
Alarm	284	314	279	305
Alcohol Offense	7	5	7	13
Animal Noise	6	6	4	4
Animal Problem	67	69	39	72
Animal Welfare	32	10	17	32
Assault	12	18	21	10
Attempt to Locate	1	5	1	2
ATV Operation Problem	7	8	1	1
Non-sufficient Funds Check	6	14	5	5
Violation of Bail Conditions	18	20	33	40
Burglary	6	4	16	7
Car/Deer Accident	54	36	32	34
Check in Per Court Order	5	0	1	129
Child Abuse	2	3	2	2
Citizen Assist	54	36	51	37
Citizen Dispute	1	1	0	6
Civil Problem	24	13	23	19
Criminal Mischief	26	18	26	27
Custodial Interference	1	4	8	9
Dead Body	3	6	0	2
Deliver Message	2	6	10	8
Detail Assignment	22	20	24	15
Disorderly Conduct	56	57	63	78
Domestic	30	33	25	27
Controlled Substance Problem	37	46	49	30
Emergency	4	1	1	1
Traffic – Erratic Operation	184	190	206	196
Escort	20	12	10	16
Fireworks	12	7	5	6
Fish & Game	6	6	8	4
Forgery	0	0	0	0
Found Property	29	31	30	34
Fraud	8	1	23	26
Harassment	25	35	34	29
Hit & Run	16	20	17	20
Information Report	183	170	156	126
Intoxicated Person	13	18	18	27
Juvenile Problem	31	32	34	30
Litter/Pollution/Public Health	8	1	2	9
Lockout	4	1	0	2
Lost Property	21	17	22	18
Medical Emergency	1	0	0	0

**Police Department - continued**

	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Mental Health Issue	55	75	62	39
Missing Person	4	10	3	5
Motor Vehicle Burglary	6	6	4	16
DUI Alcohol or Drugs	24	39	31	33
Nuisance	24	20	17	22
Overdose	3	3	0	4
Paperwork Served for Other Agency	70	73	45	22
Paperwork Served this Agency	11	7	3	16
Parking Problem	67	51	58	47
Traffic Accident with Damage	153	139	117	128
Violation of Protection from Abuse	1	11	9	5
Traffic Accident with Injuries	44	39	29	32
Police Information	2	4	6	10
Probation & Parole Violation	27	5	6	8
Property Check	530	453	603	582
Property Damage, Non-Vandalism	6	1	0	6
Public Works Referral	25	31	33	27
Running Radar	104	145	347	267
Recovered Stolen Property	4	5	8	3
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	0	3	0	1
Sex Offense	3	4	1	2
Reports of Shots Fired	26	18	2	17
Runaway Juvenile	14	6	12	6
Stalking	1	0	2	1
Stray Animal	13	12	16	1
Structure Fire	0	0	0	0
Suspicious Vehicle	84	68	71	54
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	87	76	69	85
Theft	46	58	38	44
Theft Automobile	3	3	3	3
Threatening	14	16	26	21
Tobacco Problem	3	0	0	0
Traffic Hazard	61	62	62	58
Traffic Violation	653	578	793	385
Traffic Stop	84	104	53	46
Trespassing	27	33	29	46
Unsecured Premise	27	11	20	17
Utility Problem	41	34	25	34
Vehicle Off the Road	35	48	45	35
Vehicle Search	19	36	29	12
Vicious Animal	0	0	0	0
Wanted Person	39	29	39	27
Weapon Offense	0	0	1	0
Welfare Check	690	704	707	618

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Greg Howard

Kevin Grierson

The calendar year 2016 overall had a milder-than-normal winter. The nature of warm-to-cold weather made it necessary to sand and salt more often due to the freeze/thaw cycle of melting snow. However, the upside of warmer weather was that we could do more winter roadside cleanup than we had the winter before. In January we had a rain storm, rain/snow storm, and two snow storms; during February we had four snow storms, one snow-to-hard rain, and one rain storm; during March we had two snow storms, one snow-to-ice-to-rain, one rain-to-ice and one heavy rain with heavy winds; and April only had a small snow storm with heavy winds and a couple of rainstorms. The lack of snow during the winter months left the area with a lower-than-normal precipitation level to start the spring-summer months, and it didn't get any better—during the summer the dryness caused concern about wildfires everywhere. There was some heavy rain in late October with continued mild weather through most of November, after which we had below-normal cold and a few snow and rain events in December, as temps continued to go up and down. Every five years the Maine Department of Environmental Protection requires that we reapply for permission to dump snow from some of the village area into the harbor, so we did and we're good for the next five years. This is only used when we have a large amount of snow in places that could impede travel in certain parts of the village.

We bid out and purchased a 2017 F550 truck and it has been sent out to be equipped with a dump body and snow “gear.” The 1968 John Deere Grader was taken for transmission repairs and we hope this will last for several years. A used 2014 DX63-3 Doosan Excavator was purchased to help do ditching, put in culverts, and afford more efficiency in a number of other projects. This purchase will help lower the equipment rental line of our budget, as we had to rent equipment to do many of these projects, and while the costs continue to go up, the proper equipment is getting harder to find. We've discovered that the Oshkosh needs some major maintenance work done, but luckily there is a company in Loring that is qualified to do this work and we are getting an estimate.

During the winter some of the crew continued to do work on the “new” library building, including more shelves, a baby-changing table, and moving and changing things. During late March and April, the crew built two new floats for the harbor and repaired others. Good weather during the spring, summer, and fall allowed our crew to cut brush and bushes to keep the harbor landscaping in good condition. Several culverts and signs were replaced that were a casualty of the winter months.

At the Marge Jones Recreation Facility, it was determined that some work needed to be done. Estimates for repairs to the tennis courts were sought, but only the company who built the courts responded; they will be here in the spring of 2017, as soon as weather allows, to repair the courts. All three fields needed

## Public Works Department - *continued*

repair, and this was done by the company who put them in. The Parks & Rec Budget for 2017–18 includes several other items that should be done each year to keep the fields in good repair.

We are looking for any leaks to explain the pollution problem at Goodies Beach, so several homeowners' sewers were photographed by Interstate Septic Systems. No explanation has been found yet for the pollution.

The crew helped do the setup for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in February (they built a fireplace for the fireside chat at the Opera House) and August. Mike oversaw the addition of the front entrance at the Town Office, and the crew helped move the front office to the Richardson Room and back after the renovation, among other projects.

Much road construction was done this past summer. The town hired Gartley & Dorsky to design and put out to bid some projects: rebuild of School Street and Summer Street, the Mill Street Bridge and culvert, the Pascal Avenue high sidewalk, the roof on the Public Works garage and storage shed, and repairs to a portion of Mt. Pleasant Street. Residents approved a bond for these projects. The Mt. Pleasant Street, School Street, and Mill Street Bridge projects have been completed, some work on Summer Street will need to be finished in the spring, and the Pascal Avenue high sidewalk and Public Works roof are expected to be started in the spring of 2017. Road projects done by Public Works during the 2016 calendar year were: paving a short section of Park Street, paving of the rebuilt section of Mt. Pleasant Street, West Street Extension had all culverts replaced and the road was paved, Whitetail and Spring Mountain Drive were paved, and Porter Street was paved. The lower costs of paving this year allowed the addition of Porter Street's paving to be done. The crew extended the sidewalk on West Street by RES East's ballfield to Rt. 1, and there will be a sidewalk on the other side, so people can cross Rt. 1. This, and the changes to the Rt. 1/Rt. 90 light, are being done in conjunction with MDOT.

If you plan to place or replace a mailbox, fence, or a wall around the roadway, please give us a call at the Public Works garage at 236-6245. We will come over to make sure you are not placing it in the town's right-of-way where it could get hit with a plow. It is easier to discuss placement of an object before it is placed in or on the ground, rather than after. Please see the last page of this report for a recommended design for a mailbox and post.

To help keep costs down and keep everyone safe, we again ask you to help us during the winter months by following these guidelines:

- Do not park in the road or street from sundown to sunrise from November 1 to April 15, as most of the snow removal is done at night.
- Don't park your car too close to the road, i.e.: end of car is even with windrow that the snowplow leaves. This creates hazards to snow clean-up operations.
- Don't push, throw, or leave your snow in public ways. It is against the law.
- Make sure your mailbox and post are in good repair and installed in a proper place. By state law and by town ordinance, Public Works is not responsible for any damage to mailboxes and paper boxes. See attached diagram for a design. The wooden post can be purchased at several hardware stores. Please realize that our plows do not usually hit your mailbox, nor do we try to. It is usually the weight of the snow coming off the plow and wing that knocks the box and/or post down, especially older posts. Again, if you have questions about placement of a box, please give us a call and we will check it for you. Please see the diagram on the last page of this report.
- **Please** don't walk, jog, cross-country ski, snowmobile, snowboard, or mountain bike in the streets, especially at night, during snowstorms. **You are placing yourself in extreme danger!**

## Public Works Department - *continued*

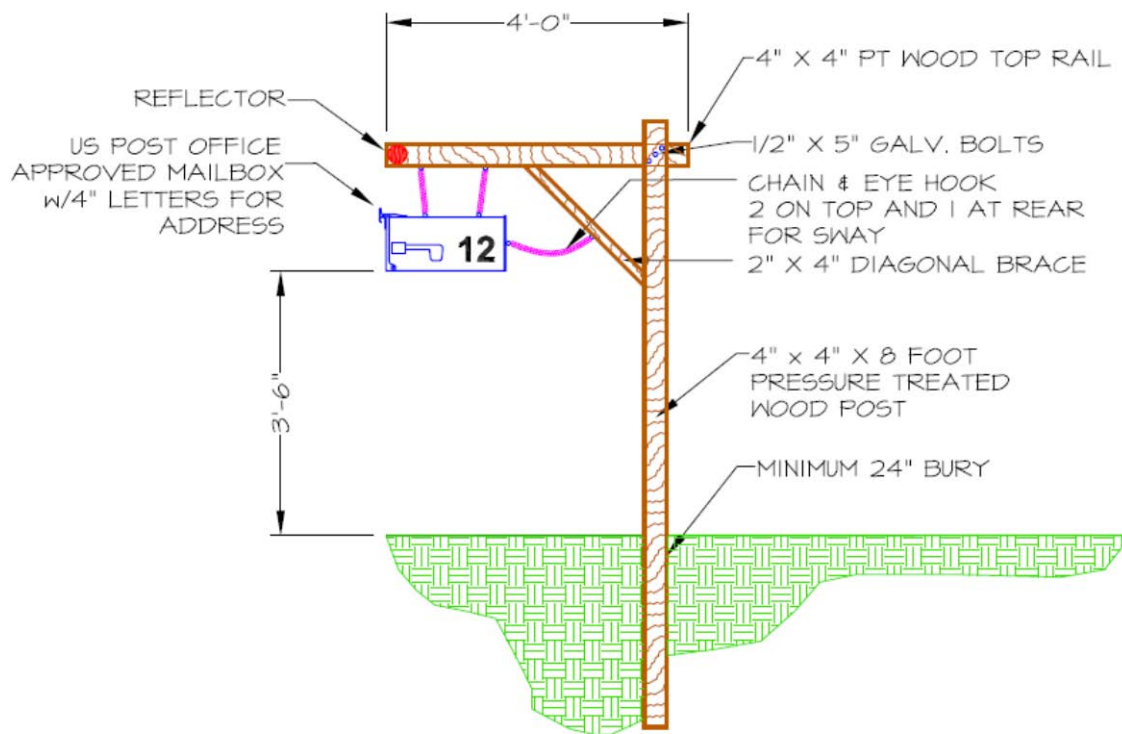
- **Please** use the sidewalks whenever possible. We pay to have them cleaned for your use and you are placing yourself in danger when you walk in the street. This request is for summertime, also.
- **Please give snow removal equipment a break.** If equipment is backing up—wait. It is hard, if not impossible, for the driver to see you! Be sure the driver of the equipment has seen you before you pass. Our Public Works crew does the best they can to be considerate and to not jeopardize anyone when operating equipment. Please be considerate of them.

I would like to thank all the people who look out for Public Works, especially those who support the crew during the long overnight snow storms with a warm meal and snacks once in a while. Thank you to Woodard & Curran and Andy Field for their assistance when called upon; the Police Department for calling me with weather reports; Fire Chief Jason Peasley; Acting Police Chief Randy Gagne; the Rockport Garden Club; Bob Hoppe, who takes care of the Rec Field and tells us when maintenance needs to be done; Jim Guerra, Gary Leighton and the MCSWC crew for working with us; and the Town Office crew for all they do. I would like to thank my crew for always being there when we need them, for doing projects they have not done before or would rather not do, and to their wives for keeping their homes plowed and operating smoothly so husbands can keep the town safe during storms.



*Photos provided by Rick Bates*

### POST & MAILBOX RECOMMENDATION



NOTE:

1. SET MAILBOX POST SO FACE OF MAILBOX IS AT BACK EDGE OF SHOULDER OR 8 INCHES BACK FROM FACE OF CURB FOR STREETS WITH CURBING.
2. CUT NOTCHES IN POST AND TOP RAIL TO FORM CROSS HALVING JOINT AND BOLT 2 PIECES TOGETHER.

Note: You may *firmly secure* your mailbox to the top rail. Please realize that even pressure treated wooden structures do not last forever. They do rot out. You should check your post for rot each year and check the mailbox to make sure it is still secure on the post. Normally the box is placed above the level of the plow wing, so the wing does not hit the box. It is the weight of the snow that knocks the box and/or post down.

### TOWN OF ROCKPORT PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Adopted from Town of Brunswick drawing

T. Mann design

# MID-COAST SOLID WASTE CORPORATION

James Guerra, Manager  
mcswc@roadrunner.com

*Providing Solid Waste and Recycling Services to our Member Towns*

Dear Residents,

First and foremost, I'd like to thank everyone, our staff as well as our public, for their help and cooperation during construction of the dam, or barrier wall, between the northern and southern ends of the Jacobs Quarry last fall. Such congestion, and yet no incidents unless you count a nose out of joint (usually mine) once or twice for some fleeting reason during the process. Attributable to their professionalism, Sargent Corporation finished the project almost \$100K under budget. They even assisted us with a landfill fire that occurred in November. You, the public, stayed upbeat and interested throughout. Our crew took the whole project in stride, troubleshooting and adjusting in order to maintain optimal flow and safety for all. Again, many thanks all the way around! While we will not know the actual performance of the dam until adequate data is collected, it is obvious at this point that the water elevation in the northern end has noticeably risen and the southern end is significantly easier to draw down—very promising.

With the decision reached last year regarding the final disposal location of our household waste, the Board of Directors at MCSWC has begun a comprehensive evaluation of the facility. The purpose is to determine areas that could be improved, either procedurally or structurally, to provide our community with an optimal facility to meet our needs into the future. Particularly, we will identify options to improve our hauling efficiency, which is becoming a greater part of our overall disposal costs. We will also consider our recycling rate and participation level, waste diversion opportunities, and also how we might best implement changes determined to be prudent. Overall, the aim is to evolve our facility/system to be more user friendly, maximize diversion and recycling opportunities for our community, and become more energy (\$) efficient over the coming decades. These goals need be met to the greatest degree possible while remaining within the bounds of what is affordable, as well as leaving the facility fully operable while changes are constructed. A key addition to our evaluation will be the excellent comments collected from those who generously gave their time to complete the survey we advertised this spring.

The survey was prepared and implemented by our newly organized Mid-Coast Waste Watch Committee (WWC), which is much more than just an advisory committee creating an active link between the public at large and MCSWC. The WWC also endeavors to be a conduit for volunteers interested in working on solid waste issues in our community whether they are reaching out to our schools and businesses, helping to setup and promote backyard composting, or gathering volunteers and ideas to assist in operating a growing swap shop and diversion program. A list of the core members of the WWC is available on our website ([midcoastsolidwaste.org](http://midcoastsolidwaste.org)), which also contains the aforementioned survey. WWC also has a Facebook page under Mid-Coast Waste Watch. Information and conversation abounds on this page. Results of the survey are numerous and will be compiled and made available in the coming months.



## **Mid-Coast Solid Waste Corporation - *continued***

Please reach out to us if you are interested in participating in these community projects or even if you feel you have a good idea worth considering. You can either join the conversation on the Facebook page or call us here at the facility. I am truly excited to be working with this motivated group of people! As always, please feel free to call me at 236-2644 or stop in at the office with any concerns or issues.



*Photos provided by the Mid-Coast Solid Waste Corporation Facebook page*

# WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

Managed, Operated, and Maintained by Woodard & Curran Inc.

Andrew Field, System Manager

afield@woodardcurran.com

The Rockport Collection System continues to be contract-operated by Woodard & Curran, Inc., whose responsibilities include ensuring reliable day-to-day system operation, maintenance, and 24/7 emergency response. Daily duties include routine pump stations checks, data collection, and grounds maintenance. Notable maintenance and system improvements completed in the past year include:

- Installation of a new standby generator transfer switch at the Goose River pump station;
- Replacement of all galvanized discharge pipe with Schedule 80 pipe in the Beauchamp Avenue pump station wetwell;
- Replacement of all batteries in the standby generators.

In June, 2016, a large section of the village area wastewater collection system was cleaned and video surveyed. This project included jetting the lines with high-pressure water, inspecting the lines with CCTV, and visually inspecting 50 manholes. In total, over 12,200 feet of sewer was cleaned and inspected under streets including Main, Camden, Central, Union, Mechanic, Russell Avenue and their associated side streets. A comprehensive project report including video documentation is available in the town's wastewater office on Elwood Avenue, next to Public Works.



In the spring of 2017 the aged control panel at the Patterson Mobile Home Community pump station will be replaced. This upgrade will provide more reliable monitoring and include controls that contain modern electronics and hardware that is more readily available should replacement components be needed.

In 2016, a total of 19.4 million gallons was pumped to the Rockland wastewater treatment plant from Glen Cove pump station. This flow is down slightly from the 19.6 million gallons pumped to Rockland in 2015. Also in 2016, a total of 26.6 million gallons was pumped to the Camden wastewater treatment plant from the Goose River pump station. This flow is up slightly from the 24.6 million gallons pumped to Camden in 2015.

In closing, I would like to say thank you to Rockport Public Works and the entire Town of Rockport for your continued support.



# TOWN OF ROCKPORT BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

## Thank You . . .

We want to take this opportunity to thank the *many* Rockport citizens who give so freely of their time and energy to serve on town committees and boards.

## Please . . .

If you are interested in serving on a town committee, please complete the *Application for Committee Service* form available at the Town Office or on our website at [www.town.rockport.me.us](http://www.town.rockport.me.us) – Town Boards, Committees and Commissions – Committee Application. Please call the Town Manager’s Office at 236-0806 for more information. There are several committee vacancies—we need YOU!

Ad Hoc Technology Committee  
Board of Assessment Review  
Budget Committee  
Camden-Rockport Pathways Committee  
Capital Improvement Committee  
Cemetery Committee  
Conservation Commission  
Harbor Committee  
Investment Committee  
Library Committee  
Mid-Coast Solid Waste Corporation Board of Directors  
MSAD #28/Five Town CSD Board of Directors  
Opera House Committee  
Ordinance Review Committee  
Parks Committee  
Planning Board  
Recreation Committee  
Zoning Board of Appeals

# ROCKPORT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

## **AD HOC LIBRARY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Jan Rosenbaum  
Joe Sternowski  
Eric Denny  
Ann Filley  
Heather Mackey  
Erik Frederick

## **AD HOC TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

John Viehman  
Stephen Hand  
Ari Miel  
Debra Hall  
Emmett A. Sutton  
Joseph Sternowski

## **BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW**

Peter E. Van Der Kieft	6/17
Douglas Linder	6/18
Larry A. Lehmann	6/18
Howard A. Bates	6/19
Ray Freitag	6/19

## **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Stephanie A. Kumble	6/17
Thomas Murphy	6/17
Heaven Bartlett	6/17
Helen A. Shaw	6/18
Peter I. Johnson	6/18
Betsy Saltonstall	6/18
Mark Kelley	6/19
Chris Farley	6/19
Jan Rosenbaum	6/19

## **CAMDEN-ROCKPORT PATHWAYS COMMITTEE – ROCKPORT MEMBERS**

Leni Gronros	6/17
Helen Shaw	6/18
John Titus	6/18
Lynda Clancy	6/19

## **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

Steven Corson	6/17
William Gartley	6/18
William Lane	6/18
Allen Mitchell	6/19
Steven Dailey	6/19

## **CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

Vernon Hunter	6/17
Brenda Richardson	6/17
Carole Gartley	6/17
Polly Chatfield	6/18
David Farley	6/18
Linda Greenlaw	
Elizabeth Berry	6/19
Julie Clement	6/19
Helen Shaw	6/19

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Ted Skowronski	6/17
Marci Annis Casas	6/17
Bob Kennedy	6/18
Kimberly Kimball	6/18
Fred Ribeck	6/19
Lora Laffan	6/19
Maggie Timmermann	6/19

## **HARBOR COMMITTEE**

Tim Hoffman	6/17
Barbara Chapman	6/17
Sam Temple	6/18
Peter Van Der Kieft	6/18
Mario Turi	6/19
Jeff Hamilton, Alternate	6/18
Parker Hackett, Alternate	6/19

## **INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

William H. Freeman, Jr.	6/17
Robert J. Campbell	6/17
Jerod Cronkite	6/18
Mark Schwarzmann	6/18
Laurence Novotney	6/19

## **Rockport Committee Members - *continued***

### **LIBRARY COMMITTEE**

Paul Charbonneau	6/17
Eliza Haselton	6/18
Vacant	6/18
Stephanie "Stevie" Kumble	6/19
Ann Filley	6/19

### **MCSWC BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### ***CAMDEN***

Roberta Smith, Interim Town Manager
John French
Don White

#### ***ROCKPORT***

Richard C. Bates, Town Manager
Owen Casas
William Chapman

#### ***LINCOLNVILLE***

David Kinney, Town Administrator
David Barrows
Keryn Laite, Jr.

#### ***HOPE***

Samantha Mank, Town Administrator
Michael Brown
Thomas Ford

### **OPERA HOUSE COMMITTEE**

John W. Priestley, III	6/17
Larry Goldman	6/17
David Jackson	6/18
Alexandra "Sani" Fogel	6/18
Linda Posson	6/19

### **ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Terri Mackenzie	P.B. Representative
John Alexander	P.B. Representative
Vacant	ZBA Representative
Richard Remsen	6/17
William Gartley	6/17
Steve Smith	6/17
Alexander Armentrout	6/17
Taylor Allen	6/19

### **PARKS COMMITTEE**

James J. Sady	6/17
David P. Jackson	6/18
Linda Posson	6/18
Alexandra "Sani" Fogel	6/19
Eleanor G. Ames	6/19
Ames Curtis, Alternate	6/17

### **PLANNING BOARD**

Terri Mackenzie	6/17
Jim Ostheimer	6/17
John Viehman	6/18
John Alexander	6/18
Louis Laquaglia	6/19
Craig Mitchell	6/19
Warren Erickson	6/19
Ted Skowronski, Alternate	6/17

### **RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Craig Wilson	6/17
Rachael McCormick	6/17
Anthony Hutcheson	6/18
Harry Podolsky	6/18
Ron Howard	6/19

### **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Emily Lusher	6/17
George Benson, II	6/17
John Osgood	6/18
Peter Hall	6/18
Allen Mitchell	6/19
Kimberlee Graffam	6/19
Vacancy	6/19

# **TOWN OF ROCKPORT COMMITTEE & AFFILIATION REPORTS**

Camden-Rockport Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathways Committee  
Coastal Mountains Land Trust  
Conservation Commission  
Five Town Community School District  
Investment Committee  
Legacy Rockport  
Library Committee  
Maine Coast Heritage Trust  
Maine School Administrative District #28  
Opera House Committee  
Parks Committee

# **CAMDEN-ROCKPORT BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PATHWAYS COMMITTEE**

## Rockport

Lynda Clancy  
Leni Gronros  
Eliza Haselton  
Helen Shaw

## Camden

Geoff Scott, Chair  
Anita Brosius-Scott  
Robert Davis  
Richard Stetson  
James “Mac” Thomas  
Alternates:  
Jane Self  
Wyatt McConnell

Owen Casas, Rockport Select Board Liaison  
Don White, Camden Select Board Liaison

The Pathways Committee is a two-town cooperative committee, with members appointed from both Rockport and Camden. The Committee is charged with reviewing geographic areas, rights-of-way, and transportation infrastructure in the two towns to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety and access, and to encourage nonmotorized transportation.

From 2015 to 2016 the Committee focused on a number of areas in Rockport:

- We continued to move forward with both towns refining the design of pedestrian facilities along Route 1 from Quarry Hill to 56 Commercial St. The Quality Community Program grant funds are expected to be awarded in 2016–17 followed by construction in 2017–18.
- Established a Pathways Reserve Fund with the goal of a \$5,000 annual contribution so the town will be in a better financial position to respond to matching grant opportunities.
- Completed rewrite of the Rockport Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan that was accepted by the Select Board.
- Collaborated with the Select Board to review the Sidewalk Ordinance, ultimately advising them it would be best to start fresh with a completely new ordinance.
- Ongoing projects include:
  - Working with the Union Street Neighborhood Cleanup Committee, coordinated a work day along the entire length of the Union Street Pathway focusing on trimming back encroaching plantings.
  - Exploring ways to connect the Route 90 schools (RES and CHRHS) via public pathways to Rockport Village
  - Keeping “pathway connections” in the discussion of the future of the RES East site.
  - Participating in the Midcoast Transit Committee work exploring a regional bus service.



## Camden-Rockport Pathways - *continued*

The Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month from 7:00 to 9:00 PM, alternating between the meeting rooms of the Camden Town Office and the Rockport Town Office. Interested members of the public are encouraged to attend.



*Photos provided by the C-R Pathways Facebook page and Geoff Scott*



# COASTAL MOUNTAINS LAND TRUST

Ian Stewart, Executive Director

[www.coastalmountains.org](http://www.coastalmountains.org)

Coastal Mountains Land Trust is a membership-based nonprofit conservation organization that has worked in the western Penobscot Bay Region, including the Town of Rockport, since 1986, to conserve wildlife habitat, scenic landscapes, public access to natural lands, water resources, and productive forest and farmland. Thanks to community and member support, we have protected over 10,000 acres throughout our service region, offering 40 miles of trails for public access.

The Land Trust has completed a total of 33 conservation projects in Rockport, protecting 531 acres using conservation easements, a permanent agreement that keeps land in private ownership while protecting critical resources of the property. We also hold full title to properties that have extraordinary conservation value, totaling 708 acres in Rockport. These properties are part of the network of preserves we are establishing throughout the region. Our preserves are open to the public for hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and other activities that do not degrade the natural and scenic features of the properties. For a schedule of outings and events that are open to the public, please see our website ([www.coastalmountains.org](http://www.coastalmountains.org)) for details.

Beech Hill Preserve, which we manage in part as a MOFGA-certified organic blueberry farm, is the site of the very popular annual public blueberry pick. On Ragged Mountain, discussions with landowners continue on pending projects. Progress continues to further the vision of a four-season, nine-mile Round the Mountain trail originating from the Camden Snow Bowl and crossing over 4.5 miles through Rockport. The trail will serve as an artery for an expanded systems of trails, and will help convert our area into a true four-season recreational destination.

Our office is located at 101 Mt. Battie Street in Camden, open 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM weekdays, and we encourage those interested in our program to stop in for a visit, call us at (207) 236-7091, or visit our website.



# CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Kimberly Kimball, Chair

Ted Skowronski

Fred Ribeck

Bob Kennedy

Lora Laffan

Maggie Timmermann

Marci Annis Casas

Brendan Riordan, Select Board Liaison

“One environment, shared by all communities, leads us to many pathways.”

*The Rockport Conservation Commission promotes the protection, conservation and enhancement of the natural resources of Rockport. The Commission is responsible for conducting research, educating the public and making recommendations to appropriate town bodies. The Commission works with other conservation organizations throughout the region to sustain the natural ecosystems for current and future generations to use and enjoy.*

## **Water, Land, Agriculture, Forests, Education & Policy**

The Commission recently completed a nonpoint source pollution risk assessment. The two-year effort was supported by a Coastal Community grant from the Maine Coastal Program, and involved Commission members and volunteers, the Rockport Office of Planning and Community Development, and the Knox County Emergency Management Agency. The project involved the use of readily available environmental databases and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology to map areas of Rockport having the potential to generate nonpoint source pollution. Since nonpoint source pollution can lead to the degradation of water quality in streams, ponds and coastal waters, these maps provide a useful tool for preventing or reducing such degradation. The project's final report is available at the Conservation Commission page on the Town of Rockport website, [www.town.rockport.me.us](http://www.town.rockport.me.us).

With a corps of volunteers, the Commission continued monitoring the water quality of Rockport Harbor, Goose River, and selected streams that drain to the harbor, an effort begun in 2012. These data allow assessment of the current status of water and environmental quality, as well as the identification of adverse changes or trends. This effort is supported, in part, by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection's Volunteer River Monitoring Program.

The Commission continued to collaborate with the Public Works Department, the Harbormaster and the Office of Planning and Community Development on efforts to ameliorate bacteria contamination at Goodie's Beach. The Public Works Department conducted a series of inspections of sewers and sewer connections in areas potentially draining to the beach. The Office of Planning and Community Development also commissioned a feasibility study conducted by Gartley & Dorsky Engineering and Surveying, Inc. of Camden. The Commission is participating in discussions of how best to proceed in remedying this bacterial situation.

## **Conservation Commission - *continued***

### **Keep Rockport Beautiful (KRB)**

A grass roots effort started by our member Maggie Timmermann and some other busy mothers was incorporated into the RCC this year. KRB began as a citizens group that was concerned about litter on our roads and in our parks. This spring will be our fifth coordinated road clean-up. Each time we clean about 25 miles of road and to date have collected approximately 5,000 pounds of litter.

### **The Public Forum**

Our second annual Eco-Friendly Yard Care Public Forum headed up by our member Fred Ribeck, informs and educates the public on environmental choices available to consciously protect our lands and ultimately our waterways. Invited guest speakers share their knowledge and lead us to options to explore. How you care for your land matters. In April, 2017, we had guest Megan Patterson speak about pests and organic ways to control them.

### **Town Easements**

As required annually, Ted Skowronski inspects Rockport's conservation easements and files them accordingly with the Town Office so that they are recorded with the Registry of Deeds and the State of Maine.

### **Rockport Tree Farm**

This is a program that we developed and offered to the town and the Rockport Garden Club. We're growing trees at Erickson Fields Preserve, then will donate them to the town/Garden Club to give away, using the Camden Roadside Tree Program as a model. For the first couple years, the town is buying trees, as ours will not be large enough to offer. Any Rockport resident may apply for a tree if they have road frontage. The town and the Garden Club will decide on the best candidates and appropriate trees will be given to the site.



*Select Board member Bill Chapman, Rockport Public Works Director Mike Young, District Coordinator of Knox-Lincoln Soil & Water Conservation District Hildy Ellis, and MCHT's Erickson Fields Farm & Program Manager Aaron Englander*

# FIVE TOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Maria Libby, Superintendent of Schools

[www.fivetowns.net](http://www.fivetowns.net)

Earlier this year, Camden Hills Regional High School (CHRS) ranked #5 in the state on the national Niche school ratings, behind the perennial strongholds in southern Maine. We have an exceptional high school that caters to the interests of a wide diversity of students—its breadth of offerings is undoubtedly one of its greatest strengths. However, the heart of the school is the relationships that are forged between students and teachers. Students repeatedly note that when they consider the best thing about our school.

I am grateful every day to have the privilege to serve as superintendent for the high school students in our five towns. I see my role as the primary steward of the system, and a significant part of that is trying to bring out the best in others. We have so much to be proud of—dedicated and masterful teachers, committed leaders, students with strong character, and communities that are invested in education. Our parents care about our schools, challenging us to think deeply about our decisions and supporting us in countless ways. Other citizens of our towns who don't have a direct connection to our schools also value the community and economic benefits of having a strong school system. It is an enviable scenario.

As superintendent, I am working hard to maintain and build upon our strengths. As a district, we keep up with changes in our field, but try to be discerning with new initiatives. We know we have been successful in the past, but we continually look for ways to improve. The expectations are high in our district. In fact, one of our greatest challenges is to find the balance between these high expectations and a sustainable and healthy lifestyle—for students and adults.

One of the most important initiatives we have worked on this year is the Strategic Plan that will guide the high school's work over the next four years. The plan will be finalized this spring and unveiled next fall, but includes a School Culture goal with this as one of its outcomes: *"Improve strategies to cope with life's challenges while reducing detrimental stress."* So, among other important ideas reflected in our new Strategic Plan, we will be addressing the imbalance that many in our school community feel. We will also be looking for additional opportunities for students to learn outside the classroom through an internship program, greater scheduling flexibility, and a "senior project." The plan, which has been developed with the help of students, staff, and parents, will clearly reflect our desire to become the best version of an educational system that we can be.

I look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with our five town communities on this journey to provide the best high school education we can for our students. As our sticker theme this year stated, we are most certainly "better together"—a healthy school system goes hand in hand with a healthy community.

# INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Robert J. Campbell, Chair

William H. Freeman, Jr., Vice-Chair

Jerod Cronkite

Laurence C. Novotney

Mark E. Schwarzmann

Megan Brackett, Finance Director & Town Representative

William Chapman, Select Board Liaison

The Investment Committee provides oversight and guidance for the Cemetery, Wastewater and Public Assistance accounts. These accounts totaled \$1,326,252.88 on December 31, 2016, of which Bar Harbor Trust Services (BHTS) manages \$902,353.55 and The First holds \$423,900.32 in interest-bearing accounts. BHTS performance for calendar year 2016 after fees was 6.20%, which compares unfavorably with the S&P 500 performance of 11.93%. This prompted an extended dialogue within the committee regarding the possibility of changing investment approach from the current actively-managed approach—with BHTS selecting individual stocks for our holdings—to a passive approach utilizing low cost exchange traded funds (ETFs) pegged to select broad market indices. After review of relevant published studies and consultation with Town of Rockport legal counsel, the committee decided to continue with an active approach. This decision was significantly influenced by the legal counsel opinion that the committee and town would be exposed to potential fiduciary risk as the result of a change in investment style. Further, the committee concluded that it is difficult for active managers to keep pace with extended bull market performance; however, this underperformance is offset by outperformance in bear market conditions. This is generally proven in the published studies and is nearly true for BHTS performance with our accounts from 4/30/2007 to 12/31/2016, with BHTS at 6.26% over the period and the S&P 500 at 6.63%. After the active vs. passive debate the committee took steps to further mitigate risk in the BHTS accounts by lowering segment level exposure thresholds and limiting foreign equity exposure.

Most recently, the committee began review of applicable statutes pertaining to the potential withdrawal of funds from the Cemetery Account to fund construction of a columbarium (a storage place for cinerary urns) for Seaview Cemetery. The Cemetery Committee expressed an interest in building a columbarium to reflect changes in burial preference and nearing capacity constraints at Seaview Cemetery. The Investment Committee determined that \$441,000 of the current \$536,000 balance are “perpetuity” funds set aside from plot purchases for perpetual maintenance of the facility, leaving a theoretical \$95,000 available for this project. The Cemetery Committee and Select Board routinely draw down funds annually from the account to offset maintenance costs borne largely by the town. Plus, having seen an eight-year bull run on Wall Street the Investment Committee recommends maintaining a cushion above the \$441 thousand in perpetuity funds. In theory, the Cemetery Committee can reasonably utilize up to \$50,000 to fund the columbarium. Their current estimated cost is just over \$100,000. The Investment Committee further recommended more study on demand and pricing for the facility to ensure a sound investment decision.

The committee would like to acknowledge the invaluable service of past chairman Bob Campbell; our Select Board Liaison, Bill Chapman; and Megan Brackett, town finance director and recording secretary.

# LEGACY ROCKPORT

Richard Remsen, President  
Charlton Ames, Treasurer  
Dave Jackson, Vice-President  
Lynda Clancy, Secretary  
Allyson Poutasse  
Larry Lehmann

Kenneth McKinley, Select Board Liaison

## Mission

Legacy Rockport provides community leadership to develop resources that maintain and enhance the general quality of life and place of the Town of Rockport; support the fine and performing arts; provide and maintain outdoor recreation and conservation opportunities; and advance the general quality of public education.

## Vision

- Provide opportunities for people to practice philanthropy.
- Value future generations by taking action today.
- Provide leadership and support to address issues that require capital investment.
- Actively engage people in the planning, preserving, and advancing of Rockport's future wellbeing.

Legacy Rockport completed its second full year of work, following official incorporation as a nonprofit in 2015.

Legacy Rockport's first orders of business have been to help Simonton Corner Community Association conduct an engineering study of its building at Simonton Corner, and to determine what is needed to renovate the popular meeting place for local community.

Legacy Rockport is also assisting in the public-private effort to create a more comprehensive network of trails and pathways throughout the town, specifically with the Maine Coast Heritage Trust construction of the Connector Trail (Beach to Beech Hill).



# **LIBRARY COMMITTEE**

Ann Filley, Chair

Stephanie Kumble, Secretary

Eliza Haselton, Treasurer

Paul Charbonneau

Ben Blackmon, Library Director & Town Representative

Pat Messler, Friends Board Liaison

William Chapman, Select Board Liaison

The Library Committee consists of five citizens, elected by the town to staggered three-year terms. Our mandate is to manage the library endowment, additional donations made to the library, and desk income (library fines, printing, nonresident library accounts, etc.). The committee works closely with the director on library policies and long-range planning, while helping to generate further income to support the library programs. The endowment, donations, and desk income support the library's budget, but do not include employee salaries and benefits.

Library Committee meetings are held monthly and the public is always welcome. For more than six years, the committee has been working to support the building of a new library in Rockport. From many ongoing discussions (public and private), Select Board meetings, hours of volunteer committee work, and letters from the public we know how important our library is to our community!

Since 1914, the Rockport Public Library has served the needs of the community. After the library moved to its temporary location at 485 Commercial Street, library attendance continues to increase, with more people enjoying all the programs offered.

Our library supports basic literacy skills, working with schools and offering reading and writing programs; cultural literacy like genealogy, local history, and book discussion groups; civic literacy offering community information, government documents, and neighborhood resources; and very importantly, life skills literacy with "how to" materials, health and consumer information, and personal growth resources. Libraries will continue to offer so much more than a pick up and drop off book depository.

We believe that together we can build a library that meets our needs for today, while being flexible to the needs of the future. A library that we can all be proud to take our children and grandchildren, where we can meet our friends, participate in a learning program, or just sit and read a book.

The Library Committee has worked closely with the library director, the Steering Committee, the Ad Hoc Library Committee, and it continues to build connections to the public and the Select Board regarding the need for a new library. In 2016, the Library Committee donated \$70,000 to the town's Library Building Fund, which is available for donations from the public. We are committed to helping to raise money for this new municipal building. Join us in helping to make this a reality for our town by donations to the Library Building Fund, or to the library, or become a member of the Library Committee and remember that your library is a bridge to so many wonderful resources!



# MAINE COAST HERITAGE TRUST

Tim Glidden, President

Ron Howard, General Manager

[www.aldermerefarm.org](http://www.aldermerefarm.org)

Maine Coast Heritage Trust (MCHT) conserves and stewards Maine's coastal lands and islands for their renowned scenic beauty, ecological value, outdoor recreational opportunities, and contribution to community well-being. MCHT provides statewide conservation leadership through its work with land trusts, coastal communities, and other partners. Since 1970, more than 146,000 acres have been permanently protected, including 322 entire coastal islands.

MCHT has two preserves located in Rockport, Aldermere Farm and Erickson Fields, which are utilized by the community for agricultural, natural resource, and silviculture education. Aldermere and Erickson Farms have been vehicles for a variety of sustainable ag initiatives focused on educating youth and sharing best practices among gardeners and farmers. In 2015, MCHT staff at Aldermere Farm and Erickson Fields organized the Midcoast Farmers' Alliance to create a support network for local farms and provide a meeting space for collaboration.

## Aldermere Farm

In 2016, the Aldermere Achievers 4H club were honored at the Maine State House for their success at the 2015 North American International Livestock Exchange in Kentucky, the largest all-breed, purebred livestock event in the world. The Aldermere Achievers and their Belted Galloways took first and second place in various classes. The performance of the cattle, as shown by the 4-H members, led to Aldermere Farm earning the Premiere Breeder Award, the most prestigious award of the National Belted Galloway Show.

In 2016, MCHT formed a second 4-H Club, Aldermere Cloverbuds, for ages 5- to 8-years-old. The Cloverbuds Club fosters teamwork and coordinates group activities covering topics related to agriculture and nutrition. Each member is paired with an Aldermere Achiever 4-H member who acts as a mentor and helps prepare the Cloverbud for continuing a "career" in 4-H.

New and returning participants filled 54 slots in the Farm Hands program teaching youth between the ages of 10 to 18 how to halter train and care for Belted Galloway calves. Wait lists for Farm Hands continues to grow. Parents of past participants, as well as teachers and guidance counselors from multiple school districts, have





## Maine Coast Heritage Trust - *continued*

referred families and students to programs at both preserves. Some alumni of the program have begun volunteering to do weekly farm chores to extend their time at Aldermere Farm.

MCHT staff at Aldermere Farm undertook a major initiative of renovating hay and pasture land for better forage in the future. Hay production across New England was low in 2016, as drought conditions in the summer and fall delayed—and in some areas prevented—a second harvest of hay for farmers. Due to the hay shortage, MCHT realized an increase in demand with hay sales up by 15% since 2015. MCHT manages nearly 200 acres of privately owned hay fields; hayfields that would otherwise be left unmanaged are kept productive thanks to property owners who have allowed MCHT to maintain their fields and increase the supply of a limited resource for farmers.

### Erickson Fields Preserve

The agricultural programs at Erickson Fields had a record number of participants in 2016. Thirteen families participated in Kids Can Grow, a six-month comprehensive gardening program, and learned how to grow vegetables using intensive square foot gardening techniques. Volunteer mentors worked closely with each family to help them start their own raised garden beds at home. Twelve gardeners grew food for their families in the Community Garden at Erickson Fields. MCHT hired its largest Teen Ag Crew with 14 teens, many of whom returned to work a second season. The Teen Ag Crew broke a new record and harvested 25,000 pounds of produce to distribute to area food pantries, public schools, retirement homes, and restaurants.



In the spring of 2016, MCHT planted 42 saplings (12 varieties of trees) to raise at Erickson Fields for Rockport's Roadside Tree Planting Program. MCHT partnered with the Town of Rockport and Rockport Garden Club to establish this program for the residents of Rockport to enhance the town by planting and preserving shade-bearing trees along roadsides. Growing trees at Erickson Fields will provide a cost savings for the program.

A pathway was cleared in preparation of extending the 1.4-mile wellness trail at Erickson Fields to connect to Beech Hill Road and Coastal Mountains Land Trust's Beech Hill Preserve. The formation of the trail ties in with the Rockport and Camden Pathways Committees' vision of a pathway connecting village centers and local schools to landmark preserves.

MCHT's Rockport office is located at Aldermere Farm, 70 Russell Avenue, and is open 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM weekdays. More information about MCHT's preserves, events, and programs can be found online at [www.mcht.org](http://www.mcht.org) and [www.aldermere.org](http://www.aldermere.org), or by calling the Aldermere Farm office at (207) 236-2739.

# MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT #28

Maria Libby, Superintendent of Schools

[www.fivetowns.net](http://www.fivetowns.net)

I am grateful every day to have the privilege to serve as superintendent in our towns. Our school district and our spot on this planet are both great places to have landed. Having talked to a lot of parents who moved here from away, whether California, Washington DC, Florida, or many places in between, I am consistently reminded of the high-quality education we offer. For many of these parents, our public schools are stronger than the private schools their children previously attended. We have much to be proud of—dedicated and masterful teachers, committed leaders, a community invested in educating its youth, and students with strong character. Our parents care about our schools, challenging us to think deeply about our decisions and supporting us in countless ways. The citizens of our towns who don't have a direct connection to our schools also value the community and economic benefits of having a strong school system. As our sticker theme this year stated, we are most certainly “better together”—a healthy school system goes hand in hand with a healthy community.

As superintendent, I am working hard to maintain and build upon our strengths. As a district, we keep up with changes in our field, but try to be discerning with new initiatives. We know we have been successful, but we continually look for ways to improve. Our expectations are high. In fact, one of our greatest challenges is to find the balance between these high expectations and a sustainable and healthy lifestyle—for students and adults.

During this school year, we saw a change in leadership at the elementary school that has resulted in many improvements and holds much promise. Our middle school continues to build ways for students to be more deeply engaged in their learning. We have focused as an administration on how best to support a shift in instructional practice to reflect a more student-centered approach, and are using data more than ever to help better understand ourselves. We have made a huge effort to engage the community in a discussion about the middle school building project as well as a later start time. Although we recognize that not everyone is always going to agree with every decision we make, these representative efforts reflect our desire to become the best version of an educational system that we can be.

For the past few years we have worked very hard to keep our school budget as low as it can be while still maintaining our strong programs. Not only do we recognize that the school budget represents the lion's share of your tax bill, we appreciate the additional tax burden a new middle school will bring. We have been doing what we can to spend wisely and to save, and will continue to do so, in order to help mitigate that impact to taxpayers. We don't take the financial impact of a new school lightly, but we believe that it is the most economically prudent decision for our community. Fiscal responsibility balanced with educational quality is what drives us.

# **OPERA HOUSE COMMITTEE**

John Priestley, Chair

David Jackson, Vice-Chair

Linda Posson, Secretary

Alexandra Wolf Fogel

Larry Golden

Terri Lea Smith, House Manager/Rental Agent & Town Representative

Geoffrey Parker, Select Board Liaison

Members of the Opera House Committee work in an advisory capacity with the citizens of Rockport, the Select Board, town manager, Opera House manager, and all organizations who may make use of the facility to ensure the continued physical integrity and sound fiscal operation of our valued community resource for residents and visitors.

We seek one additional Rockport resident to join the Committee. The only requirement is an interest in maintaining and promoting use of our Opera House. If interested please apply at the Town Office.

Improvements and/or recommendations advanced by the committee for the year 2016 include:

- New air conditioning (AC) controls that interface with the Opera House manager's computer to allow her to monitor and change temperature instantly. This cost-effective improvement, recommended in engineering studies, has made the present system much more efficient without the need for major adjustments or replacement of the AC system.
- Refinishing of auditorium and stage floors (to be completed in 2017).
- Continued collaboration with Rockport Public Library on its use of the meeting room and auditorium for educational and cultural events.
- Review of rental rates and policies in collaboration with the house manager to promote increased usage of the facility.

We thank Rick Bates, Mike Young, Terri Lea Smith, and Geoff Parker for their continued guidance and support as we strive to preserve and expand usage of our most valuable community resource.

# **PARKS COMMITTEE**

Dave Jackson, Chair  
Noni Ames, Vice-Chair  
Linda Posson, Secretary  
Alexandra Wolf Fogel  
James Sady  
Ames Curtis, Alternate

William Chapman, Select Board Liaison

The mission of the Parks Committee is to advise the Select Board and town manager in matters regarding town parks. The committee also collaborates with other town committees and private community groups such as the Camden-Rockport Pathways Committee, the Recreation Committee, the Harbor Committee, the Opera House Committee, and the Rockport Garden Club that have an interest in or responsibility for outdoor spaces within the Town of Rockport.

During 2016 we were pleased to take part in the following projects:

## **Mary Lea Park**

Thirteen Globe Arborvitaes were planted between the Opera House and the paved path leading to the meeting room. Individual members took turns watering the new plants through the summer season.

We addressed the issue of whether or not we should recommend adding a pathway from the parking lot to the street above, which would bisect the park. Members agreed that we would not recommend such a pathway until we can assess the impact of the hotel to be built on the adjoining property.

Work remaining in Mary Lea Park: The path still needs more stones to cover the weed fabric. We still want to replace the wooden fence along Central Street or just remove it.

## **Goodridge Park**

The committee worked two half-days raking out unwanted gravel and pruning overgrown shrubs. We plan to make this an annual task.

## **Village Green**

The town Public Works crew removed damaged trees in Village Green.

The committee passed a resolution that we should be consulted about any changes in the park necessitated by the siting of a new library at 1 Limerock Street. Those changes should be managed by a landscape architect, not the building architect.

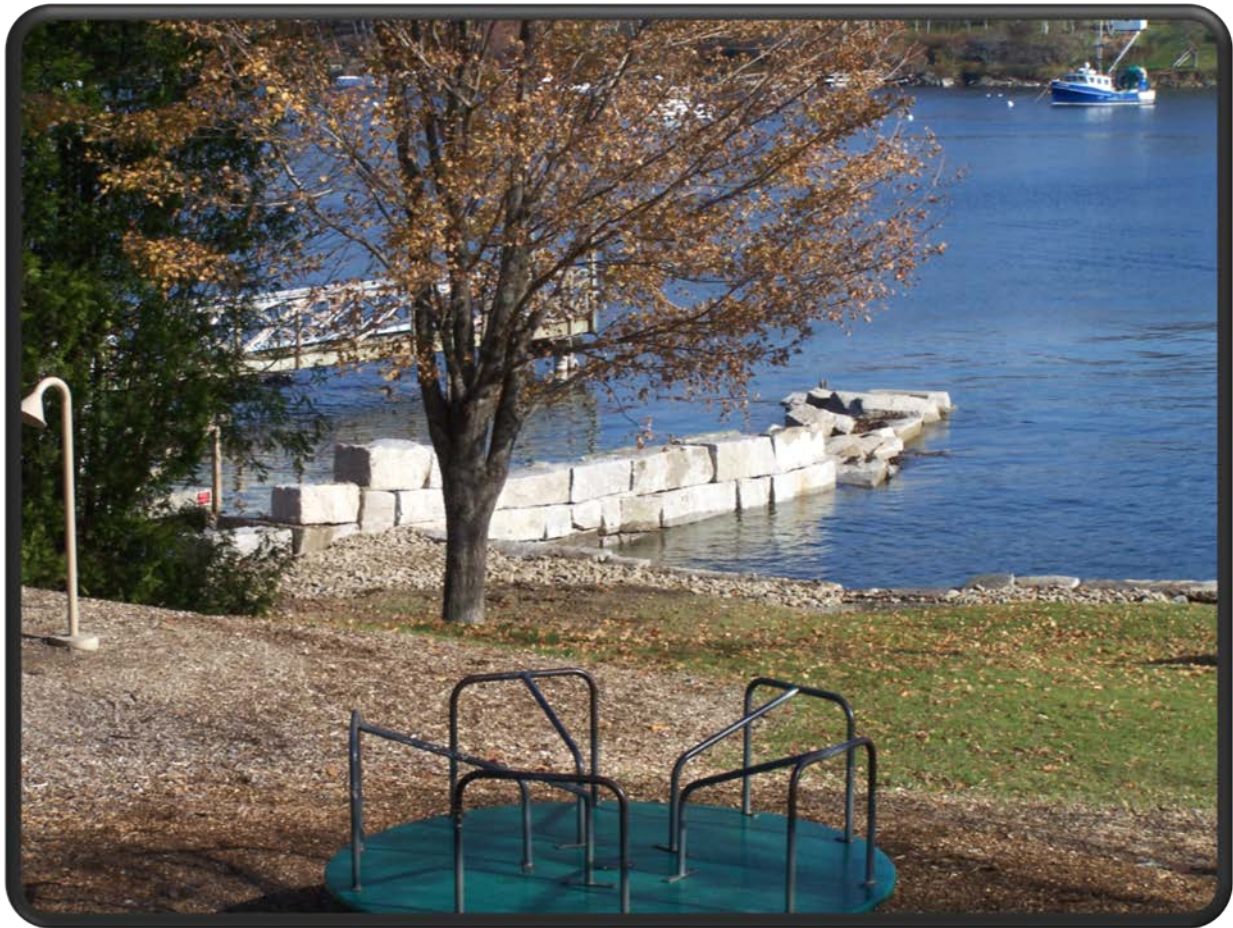
## **Other**

The committee facilitated the planting and maintenance of the Pascal Avenue/Route 1 traffic island by Hoboken Gardens. It should be noted that Farley & Son donated their services watering the colorful petunias.

Some trees and shrubs have been cut or removed to improve the view from the Pascal Avenue Lookout. This needs to be an ongoing project.

### **Parks Committee - *continued***

We thank Town Manager Rick Bates and Public Works Director Mike Young for their advice and support. A special thank you goes to the Rockport Garden Club and their representative, Gretchen Leone, for supporting our efforts and partnering with us to achieve our goals.





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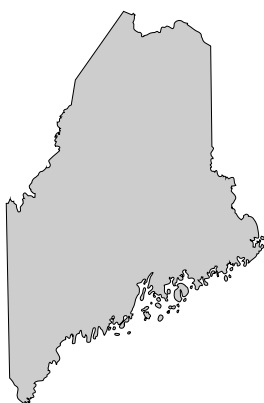
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## STATE FACTS

The Pine Tree State

Capital.....Augusta

Statehood.....March 15, 1820

State Bird.....Chickadee

State Tree....White Pine

State Flower....White Pine Cone

Song....State of Maine Song

State Motto....Dirigo



STATE OF MAINE  
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PAUL R. LePAGE

GOVERNOR

Dear Citizens of Rockport:

Maine has a long tradition of civil participation in both state and local government, and I thank you for being informed and involved citizens.

My vision for Maine is prosperity, not poverty. For this reason, one of my top priorities continues to be the reduction and eventual elimination of the income tax. Raising the minimum wage is not the path out of poverty; I want Mainers to earn a career wage. Reducing the income tax is the biggest and most immediate pay raise for all hard-working Mainers.

Not only does an income tax cut put more money back in your pockets, but it will also attract businesses that can offer good-paying careers to keep our young people here. It shows the nation that we are serious about wanting people and businesses to come—and stay—in Maine.

Unfortunately, voters approved a referendum question to raise the income tax to 10.15% on successful Maine households and small businesses. Enacting the second highest income tax rate in the country shows the nation we are eager to punish people for being successful. It will drive them out of our state and make it even more difficult to attract much-needed doctors, dentists, scientists, engineers and other professionals to Maine. They can live in neighboring New Hampshire, which takes no income tax from their paychecks. Even worse, there is no guarantee the extra revenue from this tax will go to fund education, as proponents promised.

As successful people leave Maine, state and municipal government will lose the significant amount they pay in property, sales and incomes taxes. This will put even more upward pressure on local property taxes. Municipalities will have to get more creative to provide local services without increasing property taxes. Reforming the tree growth program, collecting property taxes on land in conservation or preservation programs, charging a payment in lieu of taxes on state land that is taken off the property tax rolls and having non-profit organizations pay a two-percent tax on their net revenues are all ways for municipalities to increase revenues.

Such bold measures would take strong leadership and commitment from local officials and residents. If ever I can be of assistance to you or if you have any questions or suggestions, I encourage you to contact my office by calling 287-3531 or by visiting our website at [www.maine.gov/governor](http://www.maine.gov/governor).

Sincerely,

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# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Hello Friends and Neighbors,

It is an honor and privilege to be your elected voice in the Maine House of Representatives. I cannot thank you enough for the opportunity to serve you in this capacity and I strive to continue to build trust and confidence in my abilities. As a true Independent, my goal is to represent **all** of your voices, regardless of your political party affiliation or lack thereof.

This legislative session started out quickly! We have voted on many serious issues and there are many more coming down the pike. I serve on the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee. As we waded through an abundance of public policy, I have grown close to colleagues on both sides of the isle. Within the committee framework I have the ability to bounce between party caucuses. I find that this gives me a well rounded view of the committee issue at hand.

Although this is my first session as your Representative, I haven't felt over my head performing this job. Sure, I make mistakes here and there, but regularly attending informational meetings has given me a better understanding of governmental procedures. The most challenging role thus far has been tackling the Maine State Biennium Budget. Boy there is a lot going on in the State budget. I was happy to hear that even seasoned politicians were struggling to wrap their heads around it. I have been working closely with other legislators to better understand the finer points and will continue to work at increasing my knowledge base.

As we work through this first regular session the legislature will take up a range of issues like the drug crisis, reinstating the tip credit, renewable energy, retail recreational marijuana sales, election reform, water rights and citizens initiated referenda, just to name a few. I encourage everyone to look into the issues and, if you find you're passionate about something, please share your thoughts. You can get updates and information on the legislature's website: <https://legislature.maine.gov/>. There you can search bills, read public testimony and follow bills as they progress. The legislature also has a great Honorary Page program where young folks can see their elected officials, both House and Senate, in action.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with your questions, thoughts, concerns or good ideas! I might not always agree with the good folks that reach out to me but I am always willing and ready to listen so we can attempt to find common ground.

Warmest Regards,

Owen D. Casas

District 94      Camden, Islesboro and Rockport



United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1904

COMMITTEES:  
SPECIAL COMMITTEE  
ON AGING,  
CHAIRMAN  
APPROPRIATIONS  
HEALTH, EDUCATION,  
LABOR, AND PENSIONS  
SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON INTELLIGENCE

Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate. I am grateful for the trust the people of our State have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some key accomplishments.

Growing our economy by encouraging job creation remains a top priority. The tax relief bill enacted during this last Congress contains provisions I authored to provide small businesses with the certainty that they need to invest, grow, and, most important, hire new workers. The 2017 National Defense Authorization Act includes a provision the Maine delegation worked together to champion requiring that military recruits be provided with athletic footwear made in America, as is required for other equipment and uniform items whenever possible. This is a great victory for our troops and for the 900 skilled workers at New Balance factories here in Maine.

Maine's contributions to our national security stretch from Kittery to Limestone. As a senior member of the Appropriations Committee, I successfully advocated for critical funding for projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and \$1 billion towards the construction of an additional ship that will likely be built at Bath Iron Works. This funding will strengthen the Navy and our national security, and the additional destroyer will help meet the Navy's goal of a 355-ship fleet.

Maine's growing population of older individuals creates many challenges. That's why, as Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, my top three priorities are fighting fraud and financial abuse directed at our nation's seniors, increasing investments in biomedical research, and improving retirement security.

The Aging Committee's toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) makes it easier for senior citizens to report suspected fraud and receive assistance. Last May, a call to the hotline helped lead to the arrest of a national crime ring targeting seniors, and in June I worked to secure the humanitarian release of a Maine senior who had been imprisoned in Spain after being victimized by an international drug smuggling scam.

The Aging Committee also released an extensive report detailing the findings of our bipartisan investigation into the abrupt and dramatic price increases for prescription drugs whose patents expired long ago.

I advocated strongly for the \$2 billion increase in funding for the National Institutes of Health to advance research on such diseases as diabetes and Alzheimer's. I also championed and authored portions of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act that will further support biomedical innovation and make significant reforms to our mental health system.

The Senate also took steps in the past year to combat the nation's heroin and opioid epidemic by passing the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA), which I was proud to cosponsor. CARA is a monumental step forward in our effort to address the devastating addiction crisis affecting countless families and communities across the country and right here in Maine.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. In December 2016, I cast my 6,236<sup>th</sup> consecutive vote, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve the State of Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Augusta state office at (207) 622-8414 or visit my website at [www.collins.senate.gov](http://www.collins.senate.gov). May 2017 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,

  
Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator



**Senator David Miramant**  
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Dear Residents of Rockport,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve again as your State Senator in the 128<sup>th</sup> Legislature. I appreciate the support and enjoy representing your community. As I traveled around the district over the past year, it was a pleasure to meet with many of you and to hear your thoughts. The feedback is invaluable for me to best represent you.

My colleagues and I are working on hundreds of pieces of legislation this year. I have submitted several bills myself, with a focus on putting people first and working to bring good-paying jobs, lower property taxes, and alternative energy solutions for the people of Knox County. I will be also serving on the Transportation Committee during this new legislature.

As part of my effort to bring matters happening in Augusta back home to our district, I am pleased to email a legislative newsletter to share information about ongoing legislative issues and useful resources. Please contact me to join. I can be reached locally at (207) 236-4845 or by email at [davemiramant@gmail.com](mailto:davemiramant@gmail.com).

Again, thank you for the opportunity to represent you in the Legislature. I look forward to seeing you around town.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Miramant", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dave Miramant  
State Senator

Dear Friend,

I hope this letter finds you well. It's a privilege to share an update on my work to represent you and your family in Washington and in Maine.

As always, the interests of my constituents are what guide my work. There are many things I could talk about in that regard. But I want to focus here on one issue of particular importance—economic development. Having good-paying jobs allows future generations to make this wonderful state their home. With that goal in mind, I'm working to address Maine's economic challenges and capitalize on its opportunities.

One such opportunity is agriculture, where Maine is bucking national trends. The average age of our farmers is actually going down while acreage in cultivation is going up. Consumer demand for local food is driving that growth. I've been successful in reforming federal policies to help farmers and processors meet that demand. My work will continue this year as Congress reauthorizes the Farm Bill.

I'm also working to support jobs in our coastal communities. Last year, I helped block Sweden's proposed ban on the export of Maine lobsters to the European Union. I also introduced legislation to lift unnecessary regulations on seafood exporters and invest in working waterfront infrastructure.

On the House Appropriations Committee, I'm defending federal programs that support jobs throughout Maine. These programs invest in worthy projects that are beyond the reach of private, municipal, or state resources. In our state, they provide loans to small businesses, clean polluted sites for redevelopment, find new marketable uses for Maine's natural resources, build broadband infrastructure, and much more.

Aside from economic development, advocating for Maine veterans is one of my highest priorities. With Congress' current agenda, I'm also fighting to defend Medicare and Social Security, protect clean air and water, and ensure that our communities have the resources to address hunger, homelessness and lack of health care access.

Just as important as my policy work in Washington is what my office does to help individuals in Maine. Every year, my staff helps hundreds of constituents who have issues with federal agencies or programs. Please call my Portland office at (207) 774-5019 for assistance. It's an honor to serve you.

Take care,

Chellie Pingree  
Member of Congress



Dear Friends of Whiting:

It has been a privilege to serve the State of Maine since being sworn into the U.S. Senate.

Much of my time in Washington this past year has been devoted to the Senate Armed Services Committee and the Select Committee on Intelligence. Protecting our homeland and the people of Maine from terrorism and violence remains one of my top priorities. Through my work on the Armed Services Committee, I was able to secure several provisions in the 2016 National Defense Authorization Act that benefit Maine. The legislation authorizes the construction of an additional DDG-51 Arleigh Burke Class Destroyer that could be built at Bath Iron Works and expands the HUBZone program to stimulate economic growth at former military installations like the former Brunswick Naval Air Station.

Returning control to teachers, school districts, and states has also been a primary concern of mine. I am encouraged that the Every Student Succeeds Act has become law. It eliminates the burdensome requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act and ensures access to a quality education for all students. A provision I helped author in the bill will give states the opportunity to pilot the use of their own proficiency-based assessments in lieu of federally-mandated standardized tests. Also included in the bill are several measures I secured to promote local input, fund education technology initiatives, and explore new strategies to increase student access to the internet outside of school.

Communities across Maine have taken bold action to improve their broadband connectivity, and I have been proud to foster federal support for these types of projects. My amendments to the Every Student Succeeds Act will promote the type of work already occurring in Washington County, where students who lack broadband access are able to check out mobile hotspots from their local libraries. Additionally, a bill I co-sponsored, the Community Broadband Act, helped pave the way for the FCC to enact rules protecting the ability of municipalities to invest in better broadband. I am excited by Maine's leadership on this important economic development issue and will continue to support local efforts in this area.

After extensive negotiations, the Senate passed a five-year transportation bill that will increase highway and transit funding in Maine and provide stability to improve our transportation infrastructure. The legislation contains provisions I cosponsored to cut red tape and improve predictability and timeliness by streamlining the federal permitting process for large infrastructure projects. Also incorporated in this bill are my provisions to relieve financial regulations on Maine's community banks and credit unions and to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank, a critical tool that supports communities and small business across the state.

Following my inquiries in the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, the National Park Service has announced they will begin exploring strategies to allow park visitors to purchase electronic passes online and will pilot the program at Acadia National Park. These passes would improve access to our nation's most treasured landscapes and would generate resources for years to come. I remain deeply engaged in preserving Maine's natural beauty and strengthening our outdoor recreation economy.

It is with solemn responsibility that I have focused my energy addressing the opioid epidemic in Maine. This work includes convening roundtables with a wide-range of health care and law enforcement professionals to combat addiction; introducing a proposal to safely dispose of excess prescription drugs; cosponsoring a

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Senate-passed bill that addresses mothers struggling with addiction and the alarming effect it has on newborns; cosponsoring the TREAT Act, which expands the ability of medical specialists to provide life-saving medication-assisted therapies for patients battling heroin and prescription drug addiction; and calling on the Commander of U.S. Southern Command to increase efforts to stop the flow of heroin at our southern border.

I like to think of Maine as a big small town – and in a small town, the leaders are accessible and eager to listen. In that spirit, I’ve made it a priority to stay connected with people from all over Maine who e-mail, write, and call with suggestions or questions. If I can ever assist in your interaction with a federal agency, or you have thoughts, concerns, or personal input on a matter that is currently before Congress I hope you will contact me, let me know where you stand, and engage in this critical part of democracy. Please call my toll-free line at **1-800-432-1599** or one of my offices: Augusta (207) 622-8292, Presque Isle (207) 764-5124, Scarborough (207) 883-1588, or Washington, D.C. (202) 224-5344. You can also write me on our website at [www.king.senate.gov/contact](http://www.king.senate.gov/contact).

As always, I am honored to represent the people of Maine and look forward to working with you for the betterment of our great state.

Sincerely,



Angus S. King, Jr.  
United States Senator

# SUPPLEMENTAL TAXES & ABATEMENTS

## SUPPLEMENTALS

January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2016

### **2016 REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES**

162 Russell Avenue, LLC	\$ 8,035.50
Cockey, William David	\$ 3,498.72
Camden National Bank	\$ 140.50
Collins, Ramona	\$ 444.14
CSC Services Works, Inc	\$ 75.97
Curtis, Teresa	\$ 726.12
Doherty, Adam	\$ 949.65
Doherty, Ronald & Donna	\$ 540.57
Doherty, Ronald & Donna	\$ 6,573.04
Hickey, Thomas & Linda	\$ 30.68
Liimatainen, Gary & Donna	\$ 26.30
Liimatainen, Gary & Donna	\$ 52.60
Liimatainen, Gary & Donna	\$ 27.76
Marlin Leasing	\$ 819.62
Masee, Maurice & Colleen	\$ 52.60
Mixter, Elizabeth & Jonathan	\$ 500.00
Mohr, Joyce	\$ 4,735.10
Moore, David & Joy	\$ 923.35
Moore, David & Joy	\$ 708.59
Perry, Ingrid	\$ 907.28
Robbins, Judith	\$ 21.92
Robbins, Judith	\$ 11.69
Samoset Resort Timeshares Estates	\$ 30.68
Silvestri, Louis & Karen	\$ 11.69
Stryker Corporation	\$ 818.16
Tardif, Bertrand & Sue	\$ 21.92
The Bank of New York Mellon Trust	\$ 437.33
<b>GRAND TOTAL SUPPLEMENTALS</b>	<b>\$ 31,121.48</b>

## ABATEMENTS

January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016

### **2016 REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES**

Air Valet	\$ 26.30
The Maine Beehive	\$ 65.75
Armentrout, Paula Goodridge	\$ 338.61

**Supplemental Taxes and Abatements - continued**

Boucher, David & Michelle	\$ 26.30
Boucher, David & Michelle	\$ 52.60
Boucher, David & Michelle	\$ 27.76
Conant, Todd	\$ 140.50
Deane, David & Karyn	\$ 1,177.57
Dickey, Carissa & Parini, Regan	\$ 123.64
Dodge, Charles & Gail	\$ 1,141.04
Doherty, Adam	\$ 6,764.43
Hart, Frances	\$ 644.90
Hudson, Larry	\$ 113.81
Jacobs, Robert & Jean	\$ 528.88
Munroe, Jim	\$ 118.02
Munroe, Jim	\$ 955.60
Knutson, John & Katherine	\$ 87.66
Limoges, Lance & Holly	\$ 1,656.77
Limoges, Lance & Holly	\$ 1,687.45
Limoges, Lance & Holly	\$ 1,650.93
Limoges, Lance & Holly	\$ 977.41
Limoges, Lance & Holly	\$ 1,177.56
Mac-Gray Services, Inc.	\$ 83.28
Marlin Leasing	\$ 290.74
McBride, Stephanie & Christopher	\$ 1,497.53
Megunticook Golf Club	\$ 4,030.95
Mohr, Joyce	\$ 1,367.50
Mohr, Joyce	\$ 4,740.95
Moore, Thomas	\$ 444.14
Ninon, Lohnes	\$ 219.15
Parker, Geoffrey	\$ 1,405.00
Parker, Geoffrey	\$ 108.11
Parker, Hackett & Coluzzi	\$ 219.15
Penobscot Bay Chiropractic	\$ 37.94
Perry, Ingrid	\$ 1,006.63
Peters, Earle & Lois	\$ 52.60
Proctor, Carol	\$ 30.68
Samoset Resort Timeshares Estate	\$ 21.92
Samoset Resort Timeshares Estate	\$ 11.69
Samoset Resort Timeshares Estate	\$ 11.69
Samoset Resort Timeshares Estate	\$ 30.68
Samoset Resort Timeshares Estate	\$ 21.92
Stuecklen, Juergen	\$ 306.81
Swartz, Thomas	\$ 144.64
Wells Fargo Vendor Financial Services, LLC	\$ 7.31
Wickenden, John & Kimberly	\$ 10.23
<b>GRAND TOTAL ABATEMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 35,584.73</b>

**2013**  
**UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAX LIENS**  
**AS OF JUNE 30, 2016**  
**\*Paid as of December 31, 2016**

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Desrosiers, Daniel R & Ginger L.....\$20.30	Nolan, Timothy .....\$20.30
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**2014**  
**UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAX LIENS**  
**AS OF JUNE 30, 2016**  
**\*Paid as of December 31, 2016**

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Amato, Michelle .....\$102.80*	Maxcy, Dale.....\$527.64
Barstow, Belinda & David.....\$742.46*	McCready, Gary & Candice .....\$109.04
Benner, Richard .....\$1,398.36	McCready, Gary & Candice .....\$86.09
Bickford, Paul A PR\$ .....655.82*	McCready, Gary & Candice .....\$72.60*
Bloniasz, Joseph R.....\$1,256.60	Moutsoulas, Valeri.....\$79.34*
Brace, Russell W & Rebecca W ....\$10,396.55	Moutsoulas, Valeri.....\$88.76*
Cabral, Joshua.....\$76.65	Murphy, Rosemarie J.....\$72.60
Calinda, Martha.....\$989.02*	Noris, Cinderella.....\$1,821.93*
Deraps, Mildred .....\$1,700.81	Pleau, William P & Pauline E.....\$88.80
Desrosiers, Daniel R & Ginger L.....\$79.34	Sanbento, Donald.....\$1,186.23
Dodge, Arthur & Sherry .....\$1,992.38	Small, Carl .....\$1,395.66
Emerald Pond LLC .....\$186.00*	Small, Carl W, PR.....\$2,934.73*
EMG 4 LLC .....\$5,135.34*	Smalley, Jacqueline .....\$87.71*
Fales, Bruce.....\$849.85	So Me EMS Council Inc.....\$80.69*
Hook, Robert.....\$1,961.33*	Spear, Jason .....\$2,180.04
Ives, William M & Eleanor S .....\$2,198.96	Spear, David L & Pamela C.....\$2,951.98
Jamison, Peggy Glynn .....\$246.75*	Start, Dana & Bobbie.....\$638.27
Jamison, Peggy Glynn .....\$246.75*	Start, Dana & Bobbie.....\$592.36
Johnson, Ronald A.....\$697.68	Tosswill, Christopher.....\$2,929.31
Kane, Thomas J.....\$102.20*	Vincent, Michael & Mary Lemoine.....\$72.60
Kane, Thomas J.....\$80.30*	Wade, Thomas R & Teresa J .....\$2,826.72*
Kelly, Patrick .....\$1,366.95	Wahl, Nancy A .....\$157.65
Kelly, Valerie.....\$697.68*	Willey, Harold G & Judith P .....\$1,922.76
Knight, Charles E & Barbara E.....\$4,770.83	Winckelhofer, William Jr & Susan.....\$490.07*
Lawson, Raymond & Roxine.....\$1,629.23	Witham, Edwin M.....\$288.24*
Lent, Kenneth C .....\$1,809.45	Whittet, Daniel.....\$1,050.51*
MacClennan, Phillip & Lori .....\$673.17*	Young, Nicole.....\$3,443.71



# 2015

## UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAXES

### AS OF JUNE 30, 2016

\*Paid as of December 31, 2016

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Alward, Brent R.....	\$3.54*	Bullion, Lola & Nadine.....	\$12.65*
Ames, Clifton L & Amy E.....	\$3,470.35*	Bullion, Lola & Nadine.....	\$16.86*
Ames, Robert S & Alyssa Kay.....	\$437.66*	Cabral, Joshua.....	\$12.65
Annis, Keryn P .....	\$3,570.11*	Cadbury, David & Karen .....	\$3,356.55*
Annis, Patrick .....	\$1,022.96*	Calinda, Martha .....	\$353.01*
Applestein, Michelle.....	\$1,518.81	Calinda, Martha .....	\$1,022.84*
Arnold, Nancy M .....	\$11.24	Camber, Jeffrey W .....	\$11.24*
Aroneau, Richard .....	\$165.79*	Camber, Jeffrey W .....	\$26.67*
Aroneau, Richard.....	\$164.39*	Camden-Rockport Motor Inn.....	\$92.73*
Arsenault, Muriel M & David.....	\$11.24*	Camden-Rockport Motor Inn.....	22,267.84*
Artisan Properties, LLC .....	\$4,181.84*	Carle, Joshua.....	\$2.13*
Atlantis Maritime LLC .....	\$3,655.11*	Carle, Joshua P.....	\$2.35*
Atlantis Maritime LLC .....	\$488.94*	Cerofolini, Maria Luisa Govoni.....	\$1,209.71*
Austin, Amanda .....	\$1.74*	Chase, Kama .....	\$1,643.85*
Banow, Andrew & Christie .....	\$1,324.91*	Chatfield, Frederick H Jr .....	\$12,099.86*
Barker, John F & Janet P .....	\$19.67	Churchill, Debra & Delano, Angelique	\$25.29*
Barstow, Belinda & David.....	\$3,242.74	Churchill, John & Margaretha .....	\$43.56*
Barton, Renee E .....	\$33.72*	Clifton, Kenneth & Julianne .....	\$11.24
Barton, Renee E & Paul T G.....	\$33.72*	Cline, Michael & Sharon .....	\$12.65*
Bauer, Lucie F.....	\$2,122.95*	Coan, Annette .....	\$11.05*
Bauer, Lucie F.....	\$616.79*	Cole, Ann R .....	\$3.74*
Beech Street Dell .....	\$44.96*	Collins, Edward M – Trustee.....	\$1,501.95*
Benner, Richard .....	\$1,476.66	Contakos Property Holdings LLC....	\$3,799.12*
Bennett, Mitchell A Jr.....	\$29.50*	Cotton, John P & Joanne L .....	\$8.43*
Bennett, Mitchell A Jr & Debra A.....	\$29.50*	Cruz, Manuel & Doreen.....	\$10.54*
Benton, John H & Sandra L.....	\$10.92*	Cyr, Sara Kathleen .....	\$4,629.48*
Bertrand, Jean-Paul & Ellen .....	7.73	Czak, Elizabeth .....	\$1,441.89*
Beukema, Sarah .....	\$1,434.59*	Daigle, Brenda M.....	\$36.00*
Bickford, Paul A .....	\$542.33	Darrah, Patrick .....	\$21.08*
Bickford, Paul A PR .....	\$1,710.41*	Darrah, Patrick .....	\$21.08*
Billings, Anne-Marie PR .....	\$59.01*	Day, Douglas S .....	\$7,030.62*
Blackwell, Gregory .....	\$2,484.04*	Dean, Jeffrey N .....	\$1,013.00*
Bloniasz, Joseph R.....	\$1,279.96	Dehn, John R .....	\$682.97*
Bolan, Cindy L.....	\$783.29*	Del Valle, John & Elyssa .....	\$42.15*
Boothby, Carolyn J .....	\$19.67*	Delano, Keirstin .....	\$715.14*
Bovasso, Ronald .....	\$1,558.22*	Dennison, Mary B.....	\$2,489.66
Brace, Russell W & Rebecca W ....	\$10,647.09	Deraps, Mildred .....	\$1,933.28
Bridges, John & Lori.....	\$1,431.92*	Devlin, Julie .....	\$31.61*
Briggs, Alison A Wholey, PR.....	\$1,498.43*	Dewachter, James .....	\$33.72*
Brougham, Terrance, Brian & Casey .....	\$15.46	Dodge, Arthur & Sherry.....	\$1,975.43
Brougham, Terry .....	\$11.24	Doughty, Marlene L.....	\$15.46*
Buck, Hammon .....	\$7,355.18*	Dunning, Stephanie.....	\$586.59

## Unpaid Real Estate Taxes - *continued*

Eastman, John WS .....	\$2,892.90*	Hendrick, Charles E .....	\$1,925.82*
Eclectic Properties Trust .....	\$195.30*	Hersom, Karen A .....	\$33.72
Edgecomb, Ronald & Jacqueline .....	\$11.24*	HFC-Glen Cove, LLC .....	\$1,986.67*
Emerald Pond LLC .....	\$81.49*	Hildings, John .....	\$297.86
Emerson, Charlotte .....	\$43.48*	Hooke, Robert .....	\$1,896.75*
Emery, Robert N Jr .....	\$5,731.00*	Howard, Jeremy & Marcie .....	\$5.62*
EMG 4 LLC .....	\$6,262.09*	Hurley, Patrick , Ostroff, Ernie .....	\$532.72*
Ersikine, Catherine H .....	\$2,821.24*	Iltis, James & Susan .....	\$2,298.81*
Evans, John F & Cynthia F .....	\$11.24	Ingram, Constance, Trustee .....	\$4,555.71*
Fales, Bruce .....	\$1,823.69	Ives, William M & Eleanor S .....	\$3,067.12
Farley, Thomas J & Lisa J .....	\$9,303.91*	Jaluvka, Erika J L .....	\$59.01*
Fearebay, Dianne .....	\$42.15*	Jamison, Peggy Glynn .....	\$153.15*
Federal National Mortgage Assoc .....	\$650.00*	Jamison, Peggy Glynn .....	\$153.15*
Federal National Mortgage Assoc .....	\$2,932.54*	JBK Irrevocable Trust .....	\$2,025.14*
Fiske, Stephen .....	\$2,727.11	JBC Corporation .....	\$750.69*
Floyd, Donna M & Harthan, John C .....	\$16.86	JBK Irrevocable Trust .....	\$2,281.72*
Foster, Christa, Trustee .....	\$11.24*	JBK Irrevocable Trust .....	\$2,177.75*
Foster, Joshua .....	\$42.15	JCS LLC .....	\$1,031.77
Fox, David A F .....	\$15.46*	Johnson, Ronald A .....	\$636.47
Gallant, Brent .....	\$11.45*	Jones, Denise S .....	\$448.90*
Gates, Donald R .....	\$63.12*	Jones, George & Rachel .....	\$8.71*
Gersbach, Frederick & Marjorie .....	\$1,214.90*	Jones, Rendall – Trustee .....	\$4,285.25*
Gifford, Lisa .....	\$1,241.32*	Jones, Sheldon M .....	\$1,141.56*
Giroux, Kimberly L Trustee .....	\$50.58*	Kane, Thomas J .....	\$59.01*
Goddard, Susie .....	\$1,661.41*	Kane, Thomas J .....	\$25.51*
Goldenthal, Sara Diane .....	\$455.22*	Kelly, Patrick .....	\$3,364.98
Good, Avi Rachel & Beal, Peter D .....	\$361.14*	Kelly, Valerie .....	\$663.16
Good, Michael A & Karen J .....	\$1,145.38*	Knauer, Kenneth C .....	\$2,775.58*
Goodridge, Benjamin .....	\$621.48*	Knight, Charles E & Barbara E .....	\$4,816.34
Gordon, Gareth W & Dominique M .....	\$4,921.72	Laidlaw, Sharon .....	\$16.86*
Gott, Clayton & Pilar .....	\$11.24*	Lam, Sharon L .....	\$81.49*
Graffam, Edward M III .....	\$8,217.81*	Lam, Sharon L & Eric W .....	\$59.01*
Graffam, Edward M III .....	\$11.24*	Landin, Craig & Shirley .....	\$9.65*
Graffam, Janice .....	\$223.40	Lane, Hugh T & Ginger M .....	\$2,420.20*
Graffam, Kimberlee S .....	\$4,296.49*	Larcom, Ronald S & Marie A .....	\$21.07*
Gray, Robert C & Mary B .....	\$29.51*	Larcom, Ronald S & Marie A .....	\$21.07*
Gray, Robert C & Mary B .....	\$63.23*	Lawson, Raymond & Roxine .....	\$1,340.37
Greenwood, III William B .....	\$33.72*	Leake, Thomas & Jonel T .....	\$11.24
Hallett, Melanie .....	\$66.03*	Lee, Reta M .....	\$59.01*
Hansoty, LLC .....	\$3,835.09*	Lena LLC .....	\$8,195.37*
Hassard, Graham T .....	\$11.24	Lent, Kenneth C .....	\$2,409.57
Hatch, Nancy J & Phillip W .....	\$19.67*	Levesque, Tyler J .....	\$39.34*
Hatfield, Donald V .....	\$16.86	Limoges, Lance D .....	\$726.39*
Hatfield, Donald V & Margaret B .....	\$59.01	Limoges, Lance D .....	\$1,607.32*
Heald, Charles P & Michelle L .....	\$1,878.20*	Limoges, Lance D .....	\$1,638.23*
Heavey, James D .....	\$1,742.90*	Limoges, Lance D .....	\$2,096.26*
Hemingway, Jason L .....	\$21.08	Limoges, Lance D .....	\$951.19*

## Unpaid Real Estate Taxes - *continued*

Limoges, Lance D .....	\$1,140.86*	Patterson Mobile Home Park, LLC .....	\$66.74*
Limoges, Lance D .....	\$6,349.20*	Patterson Mobile Home Park, LLC .....	\$82.19*
Loavenbruck, Grant & Angela .....	\$5,075.56*	Patterson Mobile Home Park, LLC .....	\$80.08*
Lorraine, Marc H & Claire M .....	\$700.00*	Patterson Mobile Home Park, LLC .....	\$68.14*
Lynch, John F & Sandra .....	\$81.49	Patterson Mobile Home Park, LLC .....	\$3,414.51*
MacClennan, Phillip & Lori .....	\$1,191.44*	Pearson, Charles E & Pamela J .....	\$1,007.38*
Macomber, III, Harold & Rita .....	\$42.15*	Penobscot Bay Ice Co Inc .....	\$4,833.20
Maddox, Mary G .....	\$4,989.16*	Penobscot Bay Ice Co Inc .....	\$1,234.99
Magee, David E & Sally D .....	\$29.51*	Penobscot Bay Ice Co Inc .....	\$1,198.46*
Maxcy, Dale .....	\$547.95	Penobscot Bay Ice Co Inc .....	\$1,267.31*
McClure, James & Stacey .....	\$141.91*	Penobscot Bay Regional .....	\$1,065.69*
McCready, Gary & Candice .....	\$33.72	Penobscot Bay Regional .....	\$548.65*
McCready, Gary & Candice .....	\$19.67	Philbrook, Leroy .....	\$4,428.79
McCready, Gary & Candice .....	\$11.24*	Phillips, Lawrence Wayne .....	\$19.67
Milne, Sarah .....	\$966.64*	Phillips, Patricia B .....	\$59.01*
Mitchell, Jill .....	\$3,207.57*	Pinard, Benjamin .....	\$15.46*
Mohindra, Nirupma & Mohindra, Alok & .....	\$11.24*	Pinette, Aaron & Chelsea .....	\$15.46*
Mohindra, Nirupma & Mohindra, Alok & .....	\$19.67*	Pinkham, Ronald E .....	\$2,238.86*
Morlet, Andrew & Brenda .....	\$7,757.01*	Pleau, William P & Pauline E .....	\$21.08
Morton, Donald R & Leah C .....	\$10.54*	Pouliotte, Michael E & Julie M .....	\$11.24*
Moutsoulas, Valeri .....	\$15.46*	Powell, David G .....	\$299.27*
Moutsoulas, Valeri .....	\$21.08*	Priestley, John .....	\$3,051.66*
Mullin, Michael J .....	\$11.24*	Quinn, Paul A & Kathryn C .....	\$16.86*
Munroe, James & Brenda .....	\$10,982.89*	Quinn, Paul A & Kathryn C .....	\$33.72*
Munroe, Jim .....	\$118.02*	Quinn, Paul A & Kathryn C .....	\$33.72*
Murphy, Darcy & Barb M .....	\$11.24*	Rackliff, Adreth A .....	\$32.91*
Murphy, Darcy & Barb M .....	\$11.24*	Randolph, John Whitney .....	\$3.38*
Murphy, Rosemarie J .....	\$11.24*	Remsen, Richard & Shirley .....	\$4,361.12*
Noonan, Timothy F & Kathleen M .....	\$15.46*	Rice, James A C & Ivonne B .....	\$3,499.85*
Norris, Cinderella .....	\$2,426.44*	Rifkin, Allan G & Ann .....	\$12.65
O'Neil, Jeanette .....	\$285.95*	Rifkin, Allan G & Ann .....	\$16.86*
Padfield, Donald E .....	\$5.62*	Rizzo, Lori .....	\$11.24*
Padfield, Donald E .....	\$5.62*	Rizzo, Thomas & Karyn .....	\$21.08*
Padfield, Donald E & Louise M .....	\$5.62*	Rizzo, Thomas E & Karyn A .....	\$16.86*
Padfield, Louise & Donald .....	\$5.62*	Rocknak Yacht Sales Inc .....	\$2,970.87*
Padfield, Louise M & Donald E .....	\$5.62	Rohan, Patrick J .....	\$58.81*
Paquette, Joseph & Barbara .....	\$42.15	Saltzman, Elaine .....	\$2,234.80*
Parker, Geoffrey .....	\$3,347.41*	Sanbento, Donald .....	\$1,253.26
Patterson Mobile Home Park, LLC .....	\$9.83*	Savage, Melissa .....	\$3,055.88*
Patterson Mobile Home Park, LLC .....	\$29.50*	Sawyer, Merton R & Kimberly S .....	\$11.08*
Patterson Mobile Home Park, LLC .....	\$7.73*	Schmidt, Bonnie .....	\$2,037.25*
Patterson Mobile Home Park, LLC .....	\$27.40*	Scott, Vicki A .....	\$1,988.08
Patterson Mobile Home Park, LLC .....	\$16.16*	Shook, Cyndia .....	\$11.24*
Patterson Mobile Home Park, LLC .....	\$189.68*	Simon, Eric E .....	\$490.34*
Patterson Mobile Home Park, LLC .....	\$48.47*	Singer, Elizabeth Ann .....	\$16.76*
		Singletary, Glen A .....	\$16.86*
		Sitomer, Mary .....	\$141.10*

## Unpaid Real Estate Taxes - *continued*

Slemin, J Bruce & Sally .....	\$42.15*	Tosswill, Christopher .....	\$2812.81
Slover, Kevin Paul .....	\$11.24*	Trank, Cedric J .....	\$628.04*
Small, Carl .....	\$1,287.31	Tucker, Alexander .....	\$681.43*
Small, Carl .....	\$1,341.78*	Turner, Jennifer M .....	\$530.78*
Small, Carl W, PR.....	\$3,127.53*	Tuton, Lucy Wolf & John.....	\$2,999.49*
Smalley, Jacqueline.....	\$70.25*	Vandebogart, Erik R & Eda W .....	\$11.24*
Smith, Edith .....	\$16.86*	Vincent, Michael & Mary Lemoine .....	\$11.24
Smith, Leon A .....	\$1,380.71*	Wade, Lawrence .....	\$482.85*
Smith, Marianne.....	\$19.93*	Wade, Thomas R & Teresa J .....	\$2,576.77
Smith, Stuart G .....	\$17.05*	Wahl, Nancy A.....	\$63.23
Smith, Stuart G .....	\$10.92*	Walton, Robert J .....	\$16.86*
Smith, Stuart G .....	\$77.87*	Ward, Michael Kevin.....	\$28.59*
Smith, Stuart G & Marianne W .....	\$55.89*	Watson, R Wallace III.....	\$3,265.99
Smith, Stuart G .....	\$9.43*	Watt, James & Ann.....	\$29.50*
So ME EMS Council Inc .....	\$16.86*	Wave Source LLC.....	\$4,618.23*
Soule, Deborah M .....	\$25.29*	Webber, Charlotte.....	\$131.37*
Southern Venture LLC.....	\$2,125.77*	Welch, Neal .....	\$15.46*
Southern Venture LLC.....	\$1,604.51*	West Rockport Associates, LLC.....	\$2,951.91*
Southern Venture LLC.....	\$1,601.70*	West Rockport Associates, LLC.....	\$2,980.01*
Southern Venture LLC.....	\$1,639.64*	West Street LLC .....	\$756.92*
Southern Venture LLC.....	\$1,580.63*	West Street LLC .....	\$1,406.76*
Spear, Jason.....	\$2,122.96	West Street Victorian, LLC .....	\$1,921.34*
Spear, Michael P & Kim A .....	\$984.90*	Whittet, Daniel C .....	\$2,413.79
Spear, Pamela C .....	\$3,473.16	Wienges, Robert T .....	\$2,453.13*
Stansbury, Jaime B & William .....	\$40.74*	Willette, Christine & Tracy.....	\$35.13*
Staples, Kirsten .....	\$2,347.05*	Wiley, Harold G & Judith P .....	\$2,007.75
Start, Dana & Bobbie .....	\$625.23	Williams, Christine M .....	\$1,132.43*
Start, Dana & Bobbie .....	\$3370.60*	Wilson, Collette M.....	\$11.24*
Start, Dana & Bobbie .....	\$573.24	Wilson, Robert H & Constance C....	\$2,108.91*
Steuber, Jeffery C & Ann Marie .....	\$11.24*	Winchenbach Partners .....	\$2,566.94*
Swartz, Thomas.....	\$833.14*	Winchenbach, Kenneth .....	\$1,308.76*
Swartz, Thomas W & Pamela A .....	\$1405.70*	Winckhofer, William Jr & Susan ..	\$2,548.67*
Talbot, Dolores L .....	\$8.43*	Witham, Edwin M .....	\$420.10*
Taylor, Susan O & Kenneth A .....	\$42.15*	Wood, Nancy .....	\$3,227.28
Teed, William H & Stephanie D.....	\$16.86*	Wood, Nancy .....	\$363.19
Terrio, Vernon & Carla.....	\$1,414.13*	Wormwood, Kevin & Gail.....	\$11.24*
Therault, David A & Suzan G .....	\$6,038.69*	York, Cecille.....	\$25.29*
Timmer, Stacy A .....	\$1,472.44*	Young, Nicole.....	\$2,913.97
Tolman, Nelson M .....	\$349.21*		

# 2015

## UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

### AS OF JUNE 30, 2016

\*Paid as of December 31, 2016

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All Points Food Group LLC .....	\$392.00*	Knight, Charles .....	\$212.12*
Ames, Clifton .....	\$33.72*	Limoges Corp .....	\$98.17*
Annis, Keryn .....	\$158.76*	Maine Trailer Inc .....	136.29*
Arizant Healthcare Inc.....	\$59.01	Mamas Boys .....	\$125.05
Beech Hill Gallery .....	\$3.10*	Muzak LLC.....	\$35.13*
Benner, Richard.....	\$195.30	Patterson, Samuel .....	\$4.86*
Buck, Hammon.....	\$1,455.58*	Pen Bay Medical Center .....	\$1,603.11*
Camden Rockport Motor Inn .....	\$876.02*	Pen Bay Medical Center .....	\$705.31*
Carson, Charles .....	\$150.34	Penobscot Bay Ice Co Inc.....	\$1,497.73*
Chand, Irfan.....	\$587.29*	Pinkham, Ronald.....	\$198.10*
Contakos, Jonas .....	\$855.65*	Remsen, Richard.....	\$78.68*
Contakos, Stacey P DVM.....	\$1,282.77*	Schecter, Daniel P DMD .....	\$550.76
Costa, Fran.....	\$14.29*	Soule, Deb.....	\$27.40*
First Data Merchant Services .....	\$23.89*	Spear, Jason .....	\$396.21
Gamage, Joshua.....	\$123.64	TD Bank.....	\$882.34*
Glasser, David .....	\$89.92	Thomas, William .....	\$21.08
Glen Cove TND LLC .....	\$2,635.08	Tosswill, Christopher.....	\$4,233.27
Hahn, Bill .....	\$295.75*	Yachting Solutions, LLC .....	\$94.84*
Hare, Charles L.....	\$132.07	Zanca, Edward R DVD PA.....	\$1,107.14*
Jones, Michael A .....	\$961.02*		

# **TOWN OF ROCKPORT**

## **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

### **Monday, May 9, 2016**

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To: Mark Kelley, Constable of the Town of Rockport, in the County of Knox, State of Maine.

#### *Greetings:*

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Rockport, in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Rockport Opera House of the said Town of Rockport on Monday, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016, at 6:30 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following articles:

**Article 1.** To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

**Robert Duke, Jr. was elected moderator with four votes.**

**Article 2.** Shall the Town of Rockport vote to approve a Community Development Block Grant application in the amount of \$90,000 on behalf of Avena Botanicals and to submit same to the Department of Economic and Community Development and if said program is approved, to authorize the municipal officers to accept said grant funds, to make such assurances, assume such responsibilities, and exercise such authority as are necessary and reasonable to implement such programs. Furthermore, the Town Rockport is cognizant of the requirement that should the intended National Objective of the CDBG program not be met all CDBG funds must be repaid to the State of Maine CDBG program.

**Article 2 was moved, seconded and so voted.**

Date: April 19, 2016  
s/William Chapman, Chair  
s/Kenneth McKinley, Vice-Chair  
s/Geoffrey Parker  
s/Tracy Lee Murphy  
s/Owen Casas  
ROCKPORT SELECT BOARD

Attest:  
s/Linda M. Greenlaw, Town Clerk

#### **OFFICER'S RETURN**

State of Maine

County of Knox, ss

I, Mark G. Kelley, Constable of the Town of Rockport, hereby certify that I have notified the voters of the Town of Rockport of the Special Town Meeting to be held Monday, May 9, 2016 at the

**May 9, 2016 Special Town Meeting Warrant Results - *continued***

Rockport Opera House, 6:30 p.m. by posting a copy the Warrant of the Special Town Meeting Election at the following locations in the Town:

West Rockport Post Office  
Rockport Post Office  
Rockport Public Library  
Rockport Town Office.

Being public and conspicuous locations in the Town of Rockport and which is at least seven days prior to the meeting, and that each Warrant so posted bore the original signature of a majority of the Select Board of the Town of Rockport and that I am a resident and Constable of the Town of Rockport, Maine.

Dated: April 27, 2016

s/Mark G. Kelley  
Constable/Resident  
Town of Rockport, Maine

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Town Clerk, Linda M. Greenlaw. The meeting was adjourned by the Moderator at 6:40 p.m.

Attest:

s/Linda M. Greenlaw, Town Clerk



# **TOWN OF ROCKPORT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT Tuesday, June 14, 2016 and Wednesday, June 15, 2016**

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To: Mark Kelley, Constable of the Town of Rockport,  
in the County of Knox, State of Maine

*Greetings:*

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Rockport in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Rockport Town Office, of the said Town of Rockport, on Tuesday, the 14th day of June, 2016 at 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon to 8:00 o'clock in the evening to vote on Articles 1 through 10 at which time the meeting will adjourn. The adjourned meeting will be reopened on Wednesday, the 15th day of June, 2016 at the Rockport Opera House, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the remaining articles in the warrant.

**Article 1.** To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

**Robert Duke, Jr., was elected Moderator with four (4) votes.**

**Article 2.** To elect:

- a. One Select Board and Overseer of the Poor for a term of three years.

**Brendan Riordan was elected with 344 votes.**

- b. One Director of Maine School Administrative District #28 for a three-year term and to also serve concurrently on the Five Town CSD School Board.

**Several write in votes were received which resulted in a tie vote. A runoff election will be held.**

- c. Two Members of the Library Committee for a term of three years.

**Stephanie Kumble was elected with 328 votes.**

**Ann Filley was elected with 304 votes.**

**Brooke Kehoe received 228 votes.**

**William Frohlich received 225 votes.**

- d. One Member of the Library Committee for a term expiring June 2017.

**Paul Charbonneau was elected with 503 votes.**

- e. Three members of the Budget Committee for a term of three years.

## 2016 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Results - *continued*

**Jan Rosenbaum was elected with 493 votes.**  
**Mark Kelley was elected with 98 write in votes.**  
**Chris Farley was elected with 11 write in votes.**

**Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote that any reconstruction, expansion, improvement, renovation or replacement of the Rockport Public Library be limited to its current location at 1 Limerock Street. (This article was submitted by Citizen's Petition.)

**YES 308 NO 430**

**Article 4.** Shall the Town vote to approve the purchase of the property at 647 Rockland Street for a purchase price not to exceed \$99,000.00 for the purpose of facilitating the possible expansion of the West Rockport Fire Station, and to appropriate said funding from unassigned fund balance?

**YES 576 NO 143**

**Article 5.** Shall an Ordinance entitled, "Ordinance amending the Town of Rockport Floodplain Management Ordinance," adoption of which is mandatory for continued participation in FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program, be enacted?

**YES 650 NO 71**

**Article 6.** Shall an Ordinance entitled, "Ordinance amending the Town of Rockport Sewer Ordinance to delete the Fee Schedule so that it will appear in the related Sewer Regulations instead, clarify the roles and responsibilities of the Commissioners' Authorized Representative, and make other corrections and clarifications throughout," be enacted?

**YES 632 NO 78**

**Article 7.** Shall an Ordinance entitled "Ordinance amending the Town of Rockport Land Use Ordinance, Section 600 – Administration, by adopting and incorporating by reference the Maine Uniform Building Code, effective July 1, 2016, which would increase life safety requirements and construction standards but make no change in the legal actions, enforcement powers or penalties for violations," be enacted?

**YES 552 NO 155**

**Article 8.** Shall an Ordinance entitled, "Ordinance amending the Town of Rockport Land Use Ordinance, Section 805.3 – Private Ways, to allow the Code Enforcement Officer to issue a permit for some Private Ways that currently require Planning Board approval, to clarify what materials are required to support an application, and to impose a requirement for notice to abutters for some applications," be enacted?

**YES 578 NO 132**

**Article 9.** Shall an Ordinance entitled, "Ordinance amending the Town of Rockport Land Use Ordinance, Section 1400 – Shoreland Zoning, Section 917 - Land Use Table, Section 918 – Dimensional Table and Section 913 – Downtown, which would clarify the permitted uses

## 2016 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Results - *continued*

and standards for development in a portion of the Section 913 Downtown zoning district,” be enacted?

**YES    594**

**NO     108**

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following as Revenue from the following sources to be used in reducing the property tax assessment for the 2016/2017 fiscal year:

A.	General Government .....	\$1,060,438
B.	Public Assistance .....	\$13,265
C.	Public Safety .....	\$231,582
D.	Public Works.....	\$75,750
E.	Culture and Recreation.....	\$122,518
F.	All Other – Cemeteries.....	\$10,250
G.	Unassessed Fund Balance .....	\$51,000
H.	Special Assessments .....	\$125,023
	Total .....	\$1,689,826

**Article 10 was moved, seconded and passed.**

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for General Government for the 2016/2017 fiscal year:

A.	Administration .....	\$46,530
B.	Town Manager .....	\$236,550
C.	Town Clerk .....	\$212,060
D.	Planning & Community Development.....	\$226,860
E.	Finance .....	\$127,820
F.	Assessing.....	\$187,715
G.	Town Office Building .....	\$108,062
H.	Insurance .....	\$56,887
	Total    \$1,202,484	

**Article 11 was moved, seconded and passed.**

**Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Public Assistance for the 2016/2017 fiscal year:

A.	General Assistance .....	\$27,635
	Total .....	\$27,635

**Article 12 was moved, seconded and passed.**

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Public Safety for the 2016/2017 fiscal year:

A.	Police Department.....	\$616,691
B.	Fire Department .....	\$399,802
C.	West Rockport Fire Station.....	\$4,179
D.	Publicly Funded Utilities .....	\$222,010
E.	Animal Control .....	\$11,435
F.	Harbor Master .....	\$155,443

## 2016 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Results - *continued*

G.	Public Safety Building .....	\$30,487
H.	Emergency Management.....	\$4,070
	Total .....	\$1,444,117

**Article 13 was moved, seconded and passed.**

**Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for engineering and design of a municipally owned Fiber to the Premise Network (FTTP) to serve all Rockport residents and businesses for the 2016/2017 fiscal year:

A.	Design & Engineering.....	\$300,000
	Total .....	\$300,000

**Article 14 was moved, seconded and failed.**

**YES    59                      NO    92**

**Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Public Works for the 2016/2017 fiscal year:

A.	Public Works.....	\$1,470,775
B.	Sanitation .....	\$163,311
	Total .....	\$1,634,086

**Article 15 was moved, seconded and passed.**

**Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Culture and Recreation for the 2016/2017 fiscal year:

A.	Library.....	\$439,058
B.	Conservation Commission .....	\$8,160
C.	Parks and Recreation.....	\$57,701
D.	Opera House.....	\$83,818
E.	Library Building (1 Limerock).....	\$3,800
	Total .....	\$592,537

**Article 16 was moved, seconded and passed.**

**Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Long Term Debt (Debt Payments) for the 2016/2017 fiscal year:

A.	Debt.....	\$142,510
	Total .....	\$142,510

**Article 17 was moved, seconded and passed.**

**Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for County Fees for the 2016/2017 fiscal year:

A.	County Service E-911 .....	\$59,367
B.	County Service Dispatch.....	\$29,251
	Total .....	\$88,618

**Article 18 was moved, seconded and passed.**

## 2016 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Results - *continued*

**Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Cemeteries, RES East and Special Assessments for the 2016/2017 fiscal year:

A.	Cemeteries .....	\$57,332
B.	RES East .....	\$9,815
C.	Special Assessments .....	\$6,800
	Total .....	\$73,947

**Article 19 was moved, seconded and passed.**

**Article 20.** To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$3,376,914 established by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the previous warrant articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the current property tax levy limit. (By State law, the vote on this article must be by written ballot.)

**Article 20 was moved, seconded and passed.**

**YES 69                      NO 26**

**Article 21.** Shall the Town accept the recommendation of Mid-Coast Solid Waste Corporation (MCSWC) for handling the disposition of municipal solid waste by ecomaine of Portland, Maine after the termination of the current contract on March 31, 2018?

**Article 21 was moved and seconded.**

**After much discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed to call for the vote.**

**YES 25                      NO (Did not count hands as obviously more than the yes show of hands)**

**Article 21 failed.**

**Article 22.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of all unexpended balances to fund balance and to authorize the overdrafts that may occur in the Town operations in the 2016/2017 budget to be taken from fund balance.

**Article 22 was moved, seconded and passed.**

**Article 23.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of tax abatements and applicable interest from the property tax overlay account.

**Article 23 was moved, seconded and passed.**

**Article 24.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit claim deeds for the property. The sale or disposal shall be made only after consultation with the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission, except for the purpose of clearing title or of reconveyance of real estate to the original owner or in the case of time-share units, reconveyance back to the original owner

## **2016 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Results - *continued***

or the time-share estates association of unit owners; property to be disposed of by written policy and on terms the Select Board deem advisable.

**Article 24 was moved, seconded and passed.**

**Article 25.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of wastewater thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit claim deeds for the property. The sale or disposal shall be made only after consultation with the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission, except for the purpose of clearing title or of reconveyance of real estate to the original owner. Property to be disposed of by written policy and on terms the Select Board deem advisable.

**Article 25 was moved, seconded and passed.**

**Article 26.** To see if the Town will vote to set October 17, 2016 and April 17, 2017 as the tax installment due dates.

**The April due date was changed to April 18<sup>th</sup> as the 17<sup>th</sup> will be Patriots' Day.**

**Article 26 was moved, seconded and passed.**

**Article 27.** To see if the Town will vote to set October 18, 2016 and April 18, 2017 as the tax delinquency dates and to fix the rate of interest on delinquent taxes at 7.00% interest per year.

**The April interest date was changed to the 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**Article 27 was moved, seconded and passed.**

**Article 28.** To see if the Town will vote to fix the rate of interest on delinquent wastewater charges at 7.00% interest per year.

**Article 28 was moved, seconded and passed.**

**Article 29.** To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board and Treasurer, on behalf of the Town, to accept gifts, real estate, and certain funds, including trust funds, that may be given or left to the Town.

**Article 29 was moved, seconded and passed.**

**Article 30.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept those conservation easements which the Select Board deem appropriate in the name of the Town of Rockport, provided however, said conservation easements are first considered by the Rockport Conservation Commission and Planning Board.

**Article 30 was moved, seconded and passed.**

## **2016 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Results - *continued***

**Article 31.** To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to waive the foreclosure of tax lien mortgages pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. sec. 944 upon a finding by the Select Board that ownership of the property subject to the lien would be contrary to the Town's best interest.

**Article 31 was moved, seconded and passed.**

**Article 32.** To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to enter into boundary line agreements with abutting property owners to establish the boundary line of any property of the Town, including the boundary lines of the rights-of-way of roads.

**Article 32 was moved, seconded and passed.**

**Article 33.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to enter into a standard agreement with taxpayers establishing a "tax club" payment plan for commercial and/or residential real estate property taxes, whereby:

- (1) The taxpayer agrees to pay specified monthly payments to the Town based on his/her estimated and actual tax obligation for current year real estate property taxes;
- (2) The Town agrees not to charge interest on timely payments made pursuant to the tax club agreement;
- (3) The Town authorizes the collector to accept tax club payments for current year taxes which may be due prior to the commitment of those taxes;
- (4) The agreement is automatically terminated if a scheduled payment is late, and the taxpayer then becomes subject to the same due date(s) and interest date(s) and rate as other taxpayers who are not participating in the tax club;
- (5) Only taxpayers who do not have outstanding tax obligations for prior tax years are eligible to participate in the tax club program; and
- (6) Taxpayers wishing to participate in the tax club for a particular property tax year shall enter an agreement with the Town by a publicly-advertised deadline determined by the Tax Collector.

**Article 33 was moved, seconded and passed.**

Date: May 9, 2016

s/William Chapman, Chair  
s/Kenneth McKinley, Vice-Chair  
s/Tracy Lee Murphy  
s/Geoffrey Parker  
s/Owen Casas  
ROCKPORT SELECT BOARD

Attest:

s/Linda M. Greenlaw, Town Clerk

### **OFFICER'S RETURN**

State of Maine

County of Knox, ss

I, Mark G. Kelley, Constable of the Town of Rockport, hereby certify that I posted the Warrant and Specimen Ballots for Town Meeting to be held June 14, 2016 by posting Warrant for said meeting at each



## 2016 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Results - *continued*

of the following locations in the Town:

West Rockport Post Office  
Rockport Post Office  
Rockport Public Library  
Rockport Town Office

Being public and conspicuous locations in the Town of Rockport and which is at least seven days prior to the meeting, and that each Warrant so posted bore the original signature of a majority of the Select Board of the Town of Rockport and that I am a Constable of the Town of Rockport, Maine.

Dated: May 26, 2016

s/Mark G. Kelley  
Constable/Resident

On Tuesday, June 14, 2016 there were 755 voters, which included 112 absentee voters. This represents 28% of the registered voters. Polls were opened from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. On Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup>, the Town Meeting was reopened at 7:10 p.m. by Moderator Robert G. Duke, Jr. There were 167 registered voters in attendance. In addition, the Select Board, Town Manager, Town Clerk, Finance Director, Public Works Director, Library Director, Harbor Master, Director of Community Development & Planning, Fire Chief, and Assessor, several employees, members of the press, two camera persons, non-residents and non-registered voters were present. The total count was 208. The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Attest:

s/Linda M. Greenlaw, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF ROCKPORT**  
**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**  
**Tuesday, August 2, 2016**

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To: Randy Gagne, Constable of the Town of Rockport, in the County of Knox, State of Maine.

*Greetings:*

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Rockport, in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Rockport Town Office Richardson Room of the said Town of Rockport on Tuesday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2016, at 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon to 8:00 o'clock in the evening to vote on the following articles:

**Article 1.** To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

**Marieta Wheaton was elected moderator with four (4) votes.**

**Article 2.** To elect:

One Director of Maine School Administrative District #28 for a three-year term and to also serve concurrently on the Five Town CSD School Board.

**Elizabeth Saltonstall won with 45 write-in votes.**

Date: July 11, 2016

s/William Chapman, Chair  
s/Kenneth McKinley, Vice-Chair  
s/Tracy Lee Murphy  
s/Owen Casas  
s/Geoffrey C. Parker  
ROCKPORT SELECT BOARD

Attest:

s/Linda M. Greenlaw, Town Clerk

**OFFICER'S RETURN**

State of Maine

County of Knox, ss

I, Randy Gagne, Constable of the Town of Rockport, hereby certify that I posted the Warrant and Specimen Ballot for a Special Town Meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 by posting Warrant for said meeting at each of the following locations in the Town:

West Rockport Post Office  
Rockport Post Office  
Rockport Public Library

**August 2, 2016 Special Town Meeting Warrant Results - *continued***

Rockport Town Office.

Being public and conspicuous locations in the Town of Rockport and which is at least seven days prior to the meeting, and that each Warrant so posted bore the original signature of a majority of the Select Board of the Town of Rockport and that I am a Constable of the Town of Rockport, Maine.

Dated: July 15, 2016

s/Randy Gagne  
Constable  
Town of Rockport, Maine

Attest:

s/Linda M. Greenlaw, Town Clerk

# TOWN OF ROCKPORT

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

### Tuesday, November 8, 2016

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To: Randy Gagne, Constable of the Town of Rockport, in the County of Knox, State of Maine.

*Greetings:*

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Rockport, in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Rockport Town Office of the said Town of Rockport on Tuesday, the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016, at 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon to 8:00 o'clock in the evening to vote on the following articles:

**Article 1.** To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

**Marieta Wheaton was elected moderator with four (4) votes**

**Article 2.** Shall an Ordinance entitled, "Ordinance amending the Town of Rockport Road Acceptance Ordinance to allow requests that the Town take ownership of private roads or portions of private roads to be presented to the voters after 25% of the abutting lots are developed, provided that any such private road or portion of a private road creates a new linkage between two existing public roads and other conditions are met," be enacted?

**YES 1471**

**NO 781**

**Article 3.** Shall an Ordinance entitled, "Ordinance repealing the Town of Rockport Sidewalk Ordinance," be enacted?

**YES 1596**

**NO 571**

**Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to:

(1) Approve the design, construction and equipping of a new library building at 1 Limerock Street, including demolition of existing improvements on the property and other site work (the "Project");

(2) Appropriate a sum not to exceed \$2,000,000 for the costs of the Project.

(3) To fund the appropriation in (2) above, and, provided the Town has received donation commitments or funds from other revenue sources in an amount at least as large as \$2 million, authorize the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Select Board to issue, at one time or from time to time, general obligation securities of the Town of Rockport, Maine, including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof and future refunding obligations, in an aggregate principal amount **not to exceed \$2,000,000**, and to delegate to the Treasurer and Chairman of the Select Board the authority and discretion to fix the date(s), maturity(ies), denomination(s), interest rate(s), places(s) of payment, call(s) for redemption, current or advance refunding(s) of the securities, form(s), and other details of said securities, including execution and

## November 8, 2016 Special Town Meeting Warrant Results - *continued*

delivery of said securities against payment therefore, execution of certificates, loan agreements and any other documents reasonably related thereto, and to provide for the sale thereof.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

#### Total Town Indebtedness:

A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid:	\$ 2,360,321.87
B. Bonds authorized and unissued:	\$ 0.00
C. Bonds to be issued if this Article is approved:	<u>\$ 2,000,000.00</u>
Total:	\$ 4,360,321.87

#### Costs:

At an estimated interest rate of 3.8% for an estimated 20-year maturity, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal:	\$ 2,000,000.00
Interest:	<u>\$ 891,381.75</u>
Total Estimated Debt Service:	\$ 2,891,381.75

Validity: The validity of the bonds and the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.



Richard C. Bates, Treasurer  
Town of Rockport

**YES 1151**

**NO 1160**

**Article 5.** Shall the voters of the Town of Rockport authorize the Board of Directors of the Mid-Coast Solid Waste Corporation to enter into a contract for up to 5 years to dispose of Municipal Solid Waste to commence on or about April 1, 2018, for the fixed price of \$57.85 per ton plus annual increases in the Consumer Price Index and on such other terms and conditions that the Board of Directors deem appropriate with ecomaine, a non-profit corporation owned solely by municipalities and located in Portland, Maine?

**YES 1584**

**NO 497**

Date: September 8, 2016

s/Richard C. Bates, Treasurer  
s/William Chapman, Chair  
s/Kenneth McKinley, Vice-Chair  
s/Geoffrey Parker  
s/Owen Casas

**November 8, 2016 Special Town Meeting Warrant Results - *continued***

s/Brendan Riordan  
ROCKPORT SELECT BOARD

Attest:  
s/Linda M. Greenlaw, Town Clerk

**OFFICER'S RETURN**

State of Maine

County of Knox, ss

I, Dana Smith, Constable of the Town of Rockport, hereby certify that I have notified the voters of the Town of Rockport of the Special Town Meeting to be held Monday, December 5, 2016 at the Rockport Opera House, 6:30 p.m. by posting a copy the Warrant of the Special Town Meeting Election at the following locations in the Town:

West Rockport Post Office  
Rockport Post Office  
Rockport Public Library  
Rockport Town Office.

Being public and conspicuous locations in the Town of Rockport and which is at least seven days prior to the meeting, and that each Warrant so posted bore the original signature of a majority of the Select Board of the Town of Rockport and that I am a resident and Constable of the Town of Rockport, Maine.

Dated: October 25, 2016

s/Dana Smith  
Constable/Resident  
Town of Rockport, Maine

Attest:  
s/Linda M. Greenlaw, Town Clerk

# TOWN OF ROCKPORT

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

### Monday, December 5, 2016

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To: Randy Gagne, Constable of the Town of Rockport, in the County of Knox, State of Maine.

*Greetings:*

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Rockport, in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Rockport Opera House in the Meeting Room of the said Town of Rockport on Monday, the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016, at 6:30 o'clock in the evening to vote on the following articles:

**Article 1.** To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

**Robert Duke, Jr. was elected moderator with 4 (four) votes**

**Article 2.** Shall the Town authorize the Select Board to negotiate and execute any and all agreements, and to take actions and execute leases and documents reasonably related thereto, necessary to facilitate solar energy installations that will serve the Town of Rockport municipal facilities?

**Article 2 was moved, seconded and so voted.**

Date: November 14, 2016	s/William Chapman, Chair
	s/Kenneth McKinley, Vice-Chair
	s/Geoffrey Parker
	s/Owen Casas
	s/Brendan Riordan
	ROCKPORT SELECT BOARD

Attest:  
s/Linda M. Greenlaw, Town Clerk

### OFFICER'S RETURN

State of Maine

County of Knox, ss

I, Dana Smith, Constable of the Town of Rockport, hereby certify that I have notified the voters of the Town of Rockport of the Special Town Meeting to be held Monday, December 5, 2016 at the Rockport Opera House, 6:30 p.m. by posting a copy the Warrant of the Special Town Meeting Election at the following locations in the Town:

West Rockport Post Office



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Rockport Post Office  
Rockport Public Library  
Rockport Town Office.

Being public and conspicuous locations in the Town of Rockport and which is at least seven days prior to the meeting, and that each Warrant so posted bore the original signature of a majority of the Select Board of the Town of Rockport and that I am a resident and Constable of the Town of Rockport, Maine.

Dated: November 18, 2016

s/Dana Smith  
Constable/Resident  
Town of Rockport, Maine

Attest:

s/Linda M. Greenlaw, Town Clerk

# **TOWN OF ROCKPORT**

## **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

### **Tuesday, June 13, 2017 and**

### **Wednesday, June 14, 2017**

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To: Randy Gagne, Constable of the Town of Rockport,  
in the County of Knox, State of Maine

#### *Greetings:*

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Rockport in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Rockport Town Office, of the said Town of Rockport, on Tuesday, the 13th day of June, 2017 at 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon to 8:00 o'clock in the evening to vote on Articles 1 through 12 at which time the meeting will adjourn. The adjourned meeting will be reopened on Wednesday, the 14th day of June, 2017 at the Rockport Opera House, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the remaining articles in the warrant.

**Article 1.** To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

**Article 2.** To elect:

- a. Two Select Board and Overseers of the Poor for a term of three years.
- b. One Select Board and Overseer of the Poor for a term of two years.
- c. One Director of Maine School Administrative District #28 for a three-year term and to also serve concurrently on the Five Town CSD School Board.
- d. One Member of the Library Committee for a term of three years.
- e. One Member of the Library Committee for a term of one year.
- f. Three Members of the Budget Committee for a term of three years.

**Article 3.** Shall an amendment to the Section 913 zoning district in the Land Use Ordinance be enacted to change Hotels/Inns to a permitted use in the Downtown "core" area identified in subsection 913.3, subject to a cap of 40 sleeping rooms total, in the aggregate, to be permitted on a first-come, first-served basis?

Planning Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  
Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND  
RECOMMEND

**Article 4.** Shall amendments to Section 300 in the Land Use Ordinance be enacted to add definitions for Heavy Landscaping, Landscaping, Storage and Mini-Storage?

Planning Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  
Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND  
RECOMMEND

## 2017 Annual Town Meeting Warrant - *continued*

**Article 5.** Shall an amendment to the Zoning Map be enacted to expand the Section 906 Mixed Business Residential zoning district on the following parcels located in West Rockport and currently designated as Section 902 Village zoning district, primarily to (identified by Map/Lot numbers as 17/19, 17/23, 17/25, 17/107, 17/107-1, 17/113, 18/73, 18/73-1, 18/73-2, 18/73-3, 18/73-4), as well as add two small areas (identified by Map/Lot numbers as part of 17/26 and part of 17/27) to the adjacent Section 904 Residential and 908 Rural zoning districts?

Planning Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND

Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND

**Article 6.** Shall an amendment to the Section 1003 Architectural Review standards in the Land Use Ordinance be enacted to clarify several provisions regulating non-residential development?

Planning Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND

Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND

**Article 7.** Shall an amendment to the Section 900 Zoning Districts in the Land Use Ordinance be enacted to standardize numbering and formatting throughout this chapter?

Planning Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND

Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND

**Article 8.** Shall amendments to the Section 917 Permitted Use Table in the Land Use Ordinance be enacted to change the applicable zoning districts where the following uses are Permitted, whether by Special Exception or as-of-right: Affordable Housing; Art Galleries; Barber Shop/Salon; Boat Storage Commercial; Boat Storage/Shipyard & Sales; Outdoor Recreation; and Restaurants?

Planning Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND

Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND

**Article 9.** Shall an amendment to the Section 918 Dimensional Tables in the Land Use Ordinance be enacted to correct certain minimum street frontage requirements applicable to the Section 907 Rockport Mixed Business/Residential zoning district?

Planning Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND

Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND

**Article 10.** Shall the Town accept the dedication in fee simple of all of Bayberry Lane (considered part of Ashley Terrace on the Bay Ridge subdivision plan first approved by the Planning Board on December 10, 2003) and part of Hawthorne Drive comprising approximately 1,600 feet of private right-of-ways located off of Old County Road, as shown on the subdivision plan

## 2017 Annual Town Meeting Warrant - continued

recorded in the Knox County Registry of Deeds at Book 16, Page 179, as amended, and to accept and establish such ways as municipal roads to be Town-owned and maintained?

**Explanation:** The Town Manager's Office is holding a check from Richard Nightingale, developer of the Bay Ridge IV Subdivision, in the amount of \$6,100.00 (Six Thousand One Hundred Dollars) to cover the costs of final repairs and improvements to the roadways in question, to be completed as soon as possible. This cost estimate was provided in a memo dated April 4, 2017 by Public Works Director Michael Young. If approved, this work must be completed to the satisfaction of the Public Works Director.

Budget Committee Votes: 0 For, 7 Against, 0 Abstain      DO NOT RECOMMEND  
Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain      RECOMMEND

**Article 11.** Shall an Ordinance entitled, "Emergency Management Ordinance," be enacted?

Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain      RECOMMEND

**Article 12.** Do you support allowing retail marijuana establishments and retail marijuana social clubs to operate in the Town of Rockport and the development of amendments to the Land Use Ordinance to regulate the location and operation of those uses?

**Explanation:** This article is a non-binding advisory question.

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following as Revenue from the following sources to be used in reducing the property tax assessment for the 2017/2018 fiscal year:

A.	General Government .....	\$1,056,968
B.	Public Assistance .....	\$12,880
C.	Public Safety .....	\$223,188
D.	Public Works .....	\$107,310
E.	Culture and Recreation.....	\$120,227
F.	All Other – Cemeteries.....	\$16,050
G.	Unassigned Fund Balance .....	\$110,000
H.	Special Assessments.....	\$125,023
	Total .....	\$1,771,646

Budget Committee Votes: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain      RECOMMEND  
Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain      RECOMMEND

**Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for General Government for the 2017/2018 fiscal year:

A.	Administration .....	\$36,430
B.	Town Manager .....	\$278,260
C.	Town Clerk.....	\$230,546

**2017 Annual Town Meeting Warrant - continued**

D.	Planning & Community Development .....	\$268,410
E.	Finance .....	\$134,710
F.	Assessing.....	\$188,848
G.	Town Office Building .....	\$83,089
H.	Insurance .....	\$65,798

Total ..... \$1,286,091

Budget Committee Votes: 7 For, 1 Against, 1 Abstain	RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain	RECOMMEND

**Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Public Assistance for the 2017/2018 fiscal year:

A.	General Assistance .....	\$27,335
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Total ..... \$27,335

Budget Committee Votes: 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain	RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain	RECOMMEND

**Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Public Safety for the 2017/2018 fiscal year:

A.	Police Department.....	\$607,330
B.	Fire Department .....	\$384,271
C.	West Rockport Fire Station.....	\$5,749
D.	Other Public Safety Services.....	\$257,216
E.	Animal Control .....	\$5,349
F.	Harbormaster.....	\$192,162
G.	Public Safety Building .....	\$32,156
H.	Emergency Management.....	\$3,010

Total ..... \$1,487,243

Budget Committee Votes: 8 For, 1 Against, 0 Abstain	RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain	RECOMMEND

**Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Public Works for the 2017/2018 fiscal year:

A.	Public Works.....	\$1,725,506
B.	Sanitation .....	\$176,879

Total ..... \$1,902,385

Budget Committee Votes: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain	RECOMMEND
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**2017 Annual Town Meeting Warrant - continued**

Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND

**Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Culture and Recreation for the 2017/2018 fiscal year:

A. Library ..... \$479,806  
B. Conservation Commission ..... \$8,410  
C. Parks and Recreation ..... \$76,237  
D. Opera House ..... \$142,862  
E. Library Building (1 Limerock) ..... \$2,830

Total ..... \$710,145

Budget Committee Votes: 3 For, 3 Against, 1 Abstain

TIE VOTE

Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND

**Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Long Term Debt (Debt Payments) for the 2017/2018 fiscal year:

A. Debt ..... \$152,875

Total ..... \$152,875

Budget Committee Votes: 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND

Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND

**Article 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for County Fees for the 2017/2018 fiscal year:

A. County Service E-911 ..... \$60,514  
B. County Service Dispatch ..... \$29,816

Total ..... \$90,330

Budget Committee Votes: 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND

Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND

**Article 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Cemeteries, Provider Agencies, RES East and Special Assessments for the 2017/2018 fiscal year:

A. Cemeteries ..... \$56,075  
B. Provider Agencies ..... \$9,556  
C. RES East ..... \$6,132  
D. Special Assessments ..... \$6,800

Total ..... \$78,563

Budget Committee Votes: 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND

Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND

## 2017 Annual Town Meeting Warrant - *continued*

**Article 22.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of all unexpended balances to fund balance and to authorize the overdrafts that may occur in the Town operations in the 2017/2018 budget to be taken from fund balance?

Budget Committee Votes: 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND

Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND

**Article 23.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of tax abatements and applicable interest from the property tax overlay account?

Budget Committee Votes: 9 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND

Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND

**Article 24.** Shall the Town vote to confirm and ratify the following reserve accounts in the amounts as shown below, all being amounts that have been maintained in the associated accounts from prior town meeting appropriations, proceeds from vehicle sales or the sale of goods, or from the unassigned fund balance, and authorize the Select Board to make expenditures from those accounts in accordance with the Rockport Reserves Account Policy dated February 27, 2017?

1. Police Vehicle and Equipment Reserve - \$19,483.73
2. Police Department Career Development Reserve - \$82,864.72
3. Federal Forfeiture Reserve - \$7,764.67
4. Fire Apparatus Reserve - \$330,632.52
5. Public Works Equipment Reserve - \$20,347.76
6. Video Equipment Reserve - \$383.95
7. Opera House Building Reserve- \$48,531.90
8. Harbormaster's Boat Reserve - \$8,040.06
9. Harbormaster's Boat Engine Reserve- \$4,800.52
10. Marine Park Infrastructure Reserve- \$0.00
11. Lime Kiln and Cramer Locomotive Reserve- \$0.00
12. Recreation Facilities Reserve- \$49,843.24
13. Pathways Reserve - \$21,233.91
14. Cemetery Reserve - \$0.00
15. Employees Accrued Benefits Reserve - \$11,651.54
16. Computer Reserve - \$5,079.09
17. Accounting Software and Hardware Reserve - \$0.00
18. Solar Power Reserve - \$0.00

**Explanatory Note:** The reserve accounts listed in this article are already in place and are funded in the amounts shown. The Town's auditors have recommended that the status of these reserve accounts be confirmed by Town Meeting vote to ensure they are properly authorized non-lapsing accounts and that the Select Board is authorized to expend funds from these accounts in accordance with the Rockport Reserves Accounts Policy.

Budget Committee Votes: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND

Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND



## 2017 Annual Town Meeting Warrant - *continued*

- Article 25.** To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$3,685,351 established by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the previous warrant articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the current property tax levy limit. (By State law, the vote on this article must be by written ballot.)

Budget Committee Votes: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain      RECOMMEND  
Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain      RECOMMEND

- Article 26.** To see if the Town of Rockport will vote to authorize and direct its Select Board or its duly authorized designee of the Town to:

- A. Exercise the “Put Option” described in the Sixth Amended and Restated Agreement of the Limited Partnership of Penobscot Energy Recovery Company (PERC), a Limited Partnership; and
- B. To execute and deliver on behalf of the Town such documents, and to take such further actions as the Select Board or said designee may deem necessary or appropriate in order to exercise the above-described “Put Option” and to assign the Town’s limited partnership interest to the Penobscot Energy Recovery Company (PERC) Limited Partnership as contemplated thereby.

Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain      RECOMMEND

- Article 27.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the monies received for its equity interest in Penobscot Energy Recovery Company (PERC) to the Mid-Coast Solid Waste Corporation Landfill Closure Account.

Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain      RECOMMEND

- Article 28.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit claim deeds for the property. The sale or disposal shall be made only after consultation with the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission, except for the purpose of clearing title or of reconveyance of real estate to the original owner or in the case of time-share units, reconveyance back to the original owner or the time-share estates association of unit owners; property to be disposed of by written policy and on terms the Select Board deem advisable.

Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain      RECOMMEND

- Article 29.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of wastewater thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit claim deeds for the property. The sale or disposal shall be made only after consultation with the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission, except for the purpose of clearing title or of reconveyance of real estate to the

## 2017 Annual Town Meeting Warrant - *continued*

original owner. Property to be disposed of by written policy and on terms the Select Board deem advisable.

Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND

**Article 30.** To see if the Town will vote to set October 16, 2017 and April 17, 2018 as the tax installment due dates.

Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND

**Article 31.** To see if the Town will vote to set October 17, 2017 and April 18, 2018 as the tax delinquency dates and to fix the rate of interest on delinquent taxes at 7.00% interest per year.

Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND

**Article 32.** To see if the Town will vote to fix the rate of interest on delinquent wastewater charges at 7.00% interest per year.

Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND

**Article 33.** To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board and Treasurer, on behalf of the Town, to accept gifts, real estate, and certain funds, including trust funds, that may be given or left to the Town.

Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND

**Article 34.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept those conservation easements which the Select Board deem appropriate in the name of the Town of Rockport, provided however, said conservation easements are first considered by the Rockport Conservation Commission and Planning Board.

Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND

**Article 35.** To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to waive the foreclosure of tax lien mortgages pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. sec. 944 upon a finding by the Select Board that ownership of the property subject to the lien would be contrary to the Town's best interest.

Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND

**Article 36.** To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to enter into boundary line agreements with abutting property owners to establish the boundary line of any property of the Town, including the boundary lines of the rights-of-way of roads.

Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND

## 2017 Annual Town Meeting Warrant - *continued*

**Article 37.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to enter into a standard agreement with taxpayers establishing a "tax club" payment plan for commercial and/or residential real estate property taxes, whereby:

- (1) The taxpayer agrees to pay specified monthly payments to the Town based on his/her estimated and actual tax obligation for current year real estate property taxes;
- (2) The Town agrees not to charge interest on timely payments made pursuant to the tax club agreement;
- (3) The Town authorizes the collector to accept tax club payments for current year taxes which may be due prior to the commitment of those taxes;
- (4) The agreement is automatically terminated if a scheduled payment is late, and the taxpayer then becomes subject to the same due date(s) and interest date(s) and rate as other taxpayers who are not participating in the tax club;
- (5) Only taxpayers who do not have outstanding tax obligations for prior tax years are eligible to participate in the tax club program; and
- (6) Taxpayers wishing to participate in the tax club for a particular property tax year shall enter an agreement with the Town by a publicly-advertised deadline determined by the Tax Collector.

Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND

Date: May 8, 2017

s/William Chapman, Chair

s/Geoffrey C. Parker

s/Owen Casas

ROCKPORT SELECT BOARD

Attest:

s/Linda M. Greenlaw, Town Clerk

# James W. Wadman

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**CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT**

James W. Wadman, C.P.A.  
Ronald C. Bean, C.P.A.  
Kellie M. Bowden, C.P.A.  
Wanese L. Lynch, C.P.A.  
Amy E. Atherton, C.P.A.

## ***INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT***

Members of the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Rockport  
101 Main Street  
Rockport, Me 04856

### ***Report on the Financial Statements***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Rockport, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### ***Opinions***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund

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## **Town of Rockport Audit- *continued***

information of the Town of Rockport, Maine, as of June 30, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information and pension disclosure schedules on pages 3 through 7, 39 and 40, respectively be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### ***Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Town of Rockport, Maine's financial statements. The supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. The supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements.

The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Respectfully Submitted,

***James W. Wadman, C.P.A.***

James W. Wadman, C.P.A.  
April 4, 2017

**TOWN OF ROCKPORT, MAINE**  
**Management's Discussion and Analysis**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016**

Management of the Town of Rockport, Maine provides this *Management's Discussion and Analysis* of the Town's financial performance for readers of the Town's financial statements. This narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town is for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. We encourage readers to consider this information in conjunction with the financial statements and accompanying notes that follow.

The financial statements herein include all of the activities of the Town of Rockport, Maine (the Town) using the integrated approach as prescribed by Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS – PRIMARY GOVERNMENT**

**Government-wide Highlights:**

*Net Position* – The assets of the Town exceeded its liabilities at fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 by \$17,331,159 (presented as “net position”). Of this amount, \$5,066,096 was reported as “unrestricted net position”. Unrestricted net position represents the amount available to be used to meet the Town's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

*Changes in Net Position* – The Town's total net position increased by \$263,720 (a 1.5% increase) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. Net position of governmental activities increased by \$309,561 (a 2.7% increase), while net position of business-type activities showed a decrease of \$45,841 (a .8% decrease).

**Fund Highlights:**

*Governmental Funds – Fund Balances* – As of the close of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, the Town's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$6,361,559 with \$2,314,732 being general unassigned fund balance. This unassigned fund balance represents approximately 15.5% of the total general fund expenditures for the year.

**Long-term Debt:**

The Town's long-term debt obligations increased by \$1,058,093 (77.29%) during the current fiscal year. Government-wide long-term debt increased by 1,119,025 (173.3%) while business-type long-term debt obligations decreased by \$60,932 (8.4%) during the current fiscal year. Existing debt obligations were retired according to schedule. A new bond for the opera house project was issued in the amount of \$350,000 and a new bond for infrastructure projects was issued in the amount of \$1,397,750. A new lease was issued in the amount of \$91,274 for a public works truck. Additional information about debt can be found beginning on page 31 of the notes.

**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the Town's basic financial statements. The Town's basic financial statements include three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains additional required supplementary information (budgetary comparison) and other supplementary information. These components are described below:

**Government-wide Financial Statements**

The Government-wide financial statements present the financial picture of the Town from the economic resources measurement focus using the accrual basis of accounting. They present governmental activities and business-type activities separately. These statements include all assets of the Town (including infrastructure) as well as all liabilities (including long-term debt). Additionally, certain elimination entries have occurred as prescribed by the statement in regards to inter-fund activity, payables and receivables. The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 8-9 of this report.

**Fund Financial Statements**

The fund financial statements include statements for each of the three categories of activities – governmental, business-type and fiduciary. The governmental activities are prepared using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. The business-type activities are prepared using

the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the Town government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of these funds are not available to support the Town's own programs. Reconciliation of the fund financial statements to the Government-wide financial statements is provided to explain the differences created by the integrated approach.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 10-13 of this report.  
The basic proprietary fund financial statements can be found on pages 14-16 of this report.

**Notes to the Financial Statements**

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and the fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 17-38 of this report.

**Required Supplementary Information**

This section includes a budgetary comparison schedule, which includes a reconciliation between the statutory fund balance for budgetary purposes and the fund balance for the general fund as presented in the governmental fund financial statements (if necessary) as well as pension related schedules. Required supplementary information can be found on page 39-40 of this report.

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

**Net Position**

57.2% of the Town's net position reflects its investment in capital assets such as land, buildings, equipment and infrastructure (roads, bridges and other immovable assets), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. The Town uses these assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although, the Town's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

	<i>Governmental Activities</i>	<i>Business-type Activities</i>	<i>Total 2016</i>	<i>Total 2015</i>
Current Assets	7,292,365	1,171,661	8,464,026	6,636,820
Capital Assets	7,737,516	5,139,849	12,877,365	12,463,276
<i>Total Assets</i>	<i>15,029,881</i>	<i>6,311,510</i>	<i>21,341,391</i>	<i>19,100,096</i>
Related to Pensions	95,916		95,916	147,930
<i>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</i>	<i>95,916</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>95,916</i>	<i>147,930</i>
<b><i>Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources</i></b>	<b><i>15,125,797</i></b>	<b><i>6,311,510</i></b>	<b><i>21,437,307</i></b>	<b><i>19,248,026</i></b>
Current Liabilities	995,395	136,664	1,132,059	1,189,671
Other Liabilities	2,128,589	601,203	2,729,792	837,385
Net Pension Liability	146,612	-	146,612	69,984
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<i>3,270,596</i>	<i>737,867</i>	<i>4,008,463</i>	<i>2,097,040</i>
Related to Pensions	75,157		75,157	53,179
Prepaid Property Taxes	22,528		22,528	30,368
<i>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</i>	<i>97,685</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>97,685</i>	<i>83,547</i>
Net Investment in Capital Assets	5,442,756	4,477,597	9,920,353	11,094,204
Restricted	1,955,074	389,636	2,344,710	2,282,407
Unrestricted	4,359,686	706,410	5,066,096	3,690,828
<i>Total Net Position</i>	<i>11,757,516</i>	<i>5,573,643</i>	<i>17,331,159</i>	<i>17,067,439</i>
<b><i>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position</i></b>	<b><i>15,125,797</i></b>	<b><i>6,311,510</i></b>	<b><i>21,437,307</i></b>	<b><i>19,248,026</i></b>

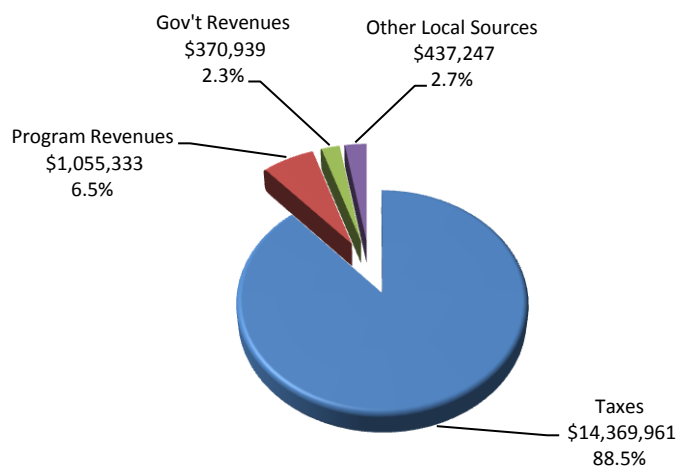


**Changes in Net Position**

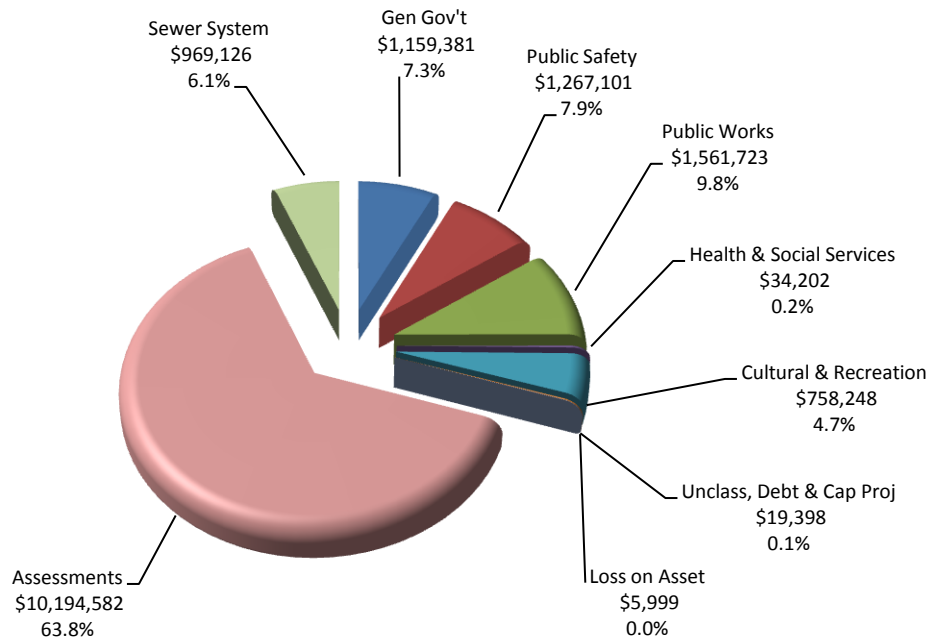
Approximately 88.5 percent of the Town's total revenue came from property and excise taxes, approximately 2.3 percent came from State subsidies and grants, and approximately 9.2 percent came from services, investment earnings and other sources. Depreciation expense on the Town's governmental and business-type activity assets represents \$664,344 of the total expenses for the fiscal year.

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>	<b>Business-type Activities</b>	<b>Total 2016</b>	<b>Total 2015</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Taxes	14,369,961		14,369,961	14,090,252
Program Revenues	266,137	789,196	1,055,333	1,012,555
Intergovernmental Revenues	370,939		370,939	810,806
Other Local Sources	426,741	10,506	437,247	326,197
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,433,778</b>	<b>799,702</b>	<b>16,233,480</b>	<b>16,239,810</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
General Government	1,159,381		1,159,381	1,059,476
Public Safety	1,267,101		1,267,101	1,159,248
Public Works	1,561,723		1,561,723	1,373,897
Health and Social Services	34,202		34,202	15,069
Cultural and Recreation	758,248		758,248	765,523
Unclassified	4,648		4,648	7,624
Debt Service	4,540		4,540	3,056
Capital Projects	10,210		10,210	
Assessments	10,194,582		10,194,582	10,166,295
Gain/(Loss) on Disposal of Assets	5,999		5,999	
Transfers between Enterprise Fund	123,583	(123,583)	-	
Sewer System		969,126	969,126	934,118
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,124,217</b>	<b>845,543</b>	<b>15,969,760</b>	<b>15,484,306</b>
<b>Changes in Net Position</b>	<b>309,561</b>	<b>(45,841)</b>	<b>263,720</b>	<b>755,504</b>

**Revenues by Source - Governmental and Business-Type Activities**



## Expenditures by Source - Governmental and Business-Type



### **FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE TOWN'S INDIVIDUAL FUNDS**

#### **Governmental Funds**

The focus of the Town's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of expendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

At the end of the fiscal year, the Town's governmental funds reported ending fund balances of \$6,361,559, an increase of \$1,595,145 in comparison with the prior year. Approximately 36.4 percent of this total amount constitutes unassigned fund balance. The remainder is reserved to indicate that it is not available for spending because it has been committed to liquidate contracts and commitments of the prior fiscal year or for a variety of other purposes.

Variances between actual General Fund revenues and expenditures and the final amended budget included the following:

- \$29,269 negative variance in property tax revenue due to a negative adjustment of deferred property tax revenue in the amount of \$54,351. This amount was reduced by supplemental taxes in the amount of \$25,082.
- \$89,562 positive variance in excise tax revenue due to a significant number of new vehicles purchased by residents. The budget for the next fiscal year has been increased.

## **Town of Rockport Audit - *continued***

- \$26,753 positive variance in assessing revenue due to an approved contract with the Town of Camden to share assessing services after the budget was passed. This contract increased the assessor's salary and benefits, with the Town of Camden paying for the increase. The assessing negative variance was \$15,938
- \$24,398 negative variance in library reimbursements and a positive variance in expenditures in the amount of 16,475 were due to savings in director salaries and one less position being filled.
- \$11,537 negative variance in administration due to overspending by the fiber study in the amount of \$10,402.
- \$12,131 positive variance in the town clerk department due to election costs, liens and discharge fees were lower than budgeted for as well as a records preservation project not being completed as planned.
- \$17,563 positive variance in the fire department due to huge cost savings in hydrant rental as Maine Water did not increase their fees as much as originally anticipated.
- \$15,345 positive variance in the public works department due to savings from not using a part time plow driver as in the past and savings from contracted repairs being done in-house or under warranty.

### **Proprietary Funds**

The Town's proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail.

### **CAPITAL ASSET ADMINISTRATION**

#### **Capital Assets**

The Town's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities amounts to \$21,845,030, net of accumulated depreciation of \$8,967,665 leaving a net book value of \$12,877,365. Current year additions include \$366,824 for building improvements and additions, \$55,500 for an excavator, \$96,050 for a truck, \$25,685 for a police vehicle, \$184,074 for infrastructure, \$172,748 for construction work in process and \$177,193 for sewer additions.

### **REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town's finances for all citizens, taxpayers, investors and creditors. This financial report seeks to demonstrate the Town's accountability for the money it receives. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to: Town of Rockport, P.O. Box 10, Rockport, ME 04856.

**TOWN OF ROCKPORT  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
JUNE 30, 2016 Assets**

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>	<b>Business-Type Activities</b>	<b>Total</b>
Cash and Equivalents			
Investments			
Receivables			
	5,257,302	327,292	5,584,594
	1,419,001	252,288	1,671,289
Taxes	485,541		485,541
Tax Liens	68,311		68,311
Bond		28,103	28,103
Accounts	11,518	175,838	187,356
Prepaid Expense	268		268
Due from Other Governments	50,424		50,424
Capital Assets:			
Land and Art Work	2,858,786		2,858,786
Other Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation	4,878,730	5,139,849	10,018,579
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>15,029,881</b>	<b>5,923,370</b>	<b>20,953,251</b>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources:</b>			
Related to Pensions	95,916		95,916
<b>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>95,916</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>95,916</b>
<b>Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>15,125,797</b>	<b>5,923,370</b>	<b>21,049,167</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable	141,531	72,588	214,119
Payroll Taxes/Deductions	47		47
Due to Other Governments	3,215		3,215
Accrued Salaries Payable	32,301		32,301
Accrued Interest Payable		3,027	3,027
Escrow and Security Deposits	5,400		5,400
Compensated Absences Payable	258,590		258,590
Internal Balances	388,140	(388,140)	-
Long-term Liabilities:			
Net Pension Liability	146,612		146,612
Due Within One Year	166,171	61,049	227,220
Due in More Than One Year	2,128,589	601,203	2,729,792
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>3,270,596</b>	<b>349,727</b>	<b>3,620,323</b>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Related to Pensions	75,157		75,157
Prepaid Property Taxes	22,528		22,528
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b>97,685</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>97,685</b>
<b>Net Position</b>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	5,442,756	4,477,597	9,920,353
Restricted Net Position	1,955,074	389,636	2,344,710
Unrestricted Net Position	4,359,686	706,410	5,066,096
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>11,757,516</b>	<b>5,573,643</b>	<b>17,331,159</b>
<b>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position</b>	<b>15,125,797</b>	<b>5,923,370</b>	<b>21,049,167</b>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**TOWN OF ROCKPORT**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

**Exhibit B**

**Town of Rockport Audit - continued**

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>		<u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position</u>		
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Fees, Fines, and Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-like Activities</u>
<u>Primary Government</u>					<u>Total</u>
<u>Governmental Activities</u>					
General Government	1,159,381	175,246	12,500	(971,635)	(971,635)
Public Safety	1,267,101	13,090	7,060	(1,246,951)	(1,246,951)
Public Works	1,561,723	8,817	42	(1,552,864)	(1,552,864)
Health and Social Services	34,202		200	(34,002)	(34,002)
Cultural and Recreation	758,248	120,189	-	(638,059)	(638,059)
Unclassified	4,648			(4,648)	(4,648)
Debt Service	4,540			(4,540)	(4,540)
Capital Projects	10,210			(10,210)	(10,210)
Assessments	10,194,582			(10,194,582)	(10,194,582)
<u>Total Governmental Activities</u>	<u>14,994,635</u>	<u>317,342</u>	<u>19,802</u>	<u>(14,657,491)</u>	<u>(14,657,491)</u>
<u>Business-type Activities</u>					
Wastewater Enterprise	969,126	789,196			(179,930)
<u>Total Business-type Activities</u>	<u>969,126</u>	<u>789,196</u>	<u>-</u>	<u></u>	<u>(179,930)</u>
<u>Total Primary Government</u>	<u>15,963,761</u>	<u>1,106,538</u>	<u>19,802</u>	<u>(14,657,491)</u>	<u>(14,837,421)</u>
<u>General Revenues:</u>					
Taxes					
Property				13,508,789	13,508,789
Auto Excise				796,562	796,562
Boat Excise				14,867	14,867
Intergovernmental Revenues				370,897	370,897
Other Local Sources				405,519	416,025
Gain/(Loss) on disposal of capital assets				(5,999)	(5,999)
Transfers between Enterprise Fund				(123,583)	-
<u>Total Revenues, Special Items and Transfers</u>				<u>14,967,052</u>	<u>15,101,141</u>
<u>Changes in Net Position</u>				<u>309,561</u>	<u>263,720</u>
<u>Net Position - Beginning</u>				<u>11,447,955</u>	<u>17,067,439</u>
<u>Net Position - Ending</u>				<u>11,757,516</u>	<u>17,331,159</u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

# Town of Rockport Audit - continued

**TOWN OF ROCKPORT**  
**BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**JUNE 30, 2016**

*Exhibit C*  
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<i>Assets</i>	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Library Permanent Fund</i>	<i>Capital Improvement Projects</i>	<i>Other Governmental Funds</i>	<i>Total</i>
Cash and Equivalents	3,687,883	18,104	1,220,101	331,214	5,257,302
Investments		707,783		711,218	1,419,001
Receivables					
Taxes	485,541				485,541
Tax Liens	68,311				68,311
Accounts	11,518				11,518
Prepaid Expense	268				268
Due from Other Governments	50,424				50,424
Due from Other Funds			37,190	494,814	532,004
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>4,303,945</b>	<b>725,887</b>	<b>1,257,291</b>	<b>1,537,246</b>	<b>7,824,369</b>
<i>Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances</i>					
<i>Liabilities</i>					
Accounts Payable	141,531				141,531
Due to Other Governments	3,215				3,215
Payroll Taxes/Deductions	47				47
Accrued Salaries Payable	32,301				32,301
Due to Other Funds	920,144				920,144
Escrow and Security Deposits	5,400				5,400
Total Liabilities	1,102,638		-	-	1,102,638
<i>Deferred Inflows of Resources:</i>					
Prepaid Property Taxes	22,528				22,528
Unavailable Property Tax	333,137				333,137
Advanced Other Revenue	4,507				4,507
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b>360,172</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>360,172</b>
<i>Fund Balances</i>					
Non-Spendable		348,262		498,154	846,416
Restricted	122,641	377,625		608,392	1,108,658
Committed	152,273		1,257,291	430,700	1,840,264
Assigned	251,489				251,489
Unassigned	2,314,732				2,314,732
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>2,841,135</b>	<b>725,887</b>	<b>1,257,291</b>	<b>1,537,246</b>	<b>6,361,559</b>
<b>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balances</b>	<b>4,303,945</b>	<b>725,887</b>	<b>1,257,291</b>	<b>1,537,246</b>	<b>7,824,369</b>

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The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**Town of Rockport Audit - *continued***

***Exhibit C***  
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***TOWN OF ROCKPORT***  
***BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS***  
***JUNE 30, 2016***

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Total Fund Balance	6,361,559
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds, net of accumulated depreciation of \$3,908,647	<u>7,737,516</u>
Certain long-term assets are not available to pay for current fund liabilities and, therefore, are deferred in the funds:	
Unavailable Property Taxes	333,137
Deferred outflows of resources related to pension plans	95,916
Advanced Revenue	<u>4,507</u>
	<u>433,560</u>
Certain long-term liabilities are not due and payable from current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:	
Bonds Payable	(1,764,913)
Accrued Compensated Absences	(258,590)
Capital Leases Payable	(529,847)
Deferred inflows of resources related to pension plans	(75,157)
Net Pension Liability	<u>(146,612)</u>
	<u>(2,775,119)</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u><u>11,757,516</u></u>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement



# Town of Rockport Audit - continued

Exhibit D  
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**TOWN OF ROCKPORT**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES**  
**IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

	<i>General Fund</i>	<i>Library Permanent Fund</i>	<i>Capital Improvement Projects</i>	<i>Other Governmental Funds</i>	<i>Total Governmental Funds</i>
Revenues					
Taxes	14,315,610				14,315,610
Intergovernmental Revenues	370,939		-	-	370,939
Departmental Revenues	266,137				266,137
Other Local Sources	406,248	(6,435)	3,098	23,829	426,740
Total Revenues	15,358,934	(6,435)	3,098	23,829	15,379,426
Expenditures					
Current:					
General Government	1,120,576			685	1,121,261
Public Safety	1,192,804			6,525	1,199,329
Public Works	1,609,718			-	1,609,718
Health and Social Services	33,242			120	33,362
Cultural and Recreation	742,923			7,692	750,615
Unclassified	4,648				4,648
Debt Service	62,377				62,377
Assessments	10,194,582				10,194,582
Capital Projects			523,830		523,830
Total Expenditures	14,960,870	-	523,830	15,022	15,499,722
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	398,064	(6,435)	(520,732)	8,807	(120,296)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Lease Proceeds	91,274				91,274
Bond Proceeds			1,747,750		1,747,750
Transfers from Other Funds	476,092	-	4,428	92,687	573,207
Transfers to Other Funds	(542,618)	(47,649)		(106,523)	(696,790)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	24,748	(47,649)	1,752,178	(13,836)	1,715,441
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures	422,812	(54,084)	1,231,446	(5,029)	1,595,145
Fund Balance - July 1	2,418,323	779,971	25,845	1,542,275	4,766,414
<b>Fund Balance - June 30</b>	<b>2,841,135</b>	<b>725,887</b>	<b>1,257,291</b>	<b>1,537,246</b>	<b>6,361,559</b>

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The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**Town of Rockport Audit - continued****TOWN OF ROCKPORT  
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016****Exhibit D  
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Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds 1,595,145

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures while governmental activities report depreciation expense to allocate those expenditures over the life of the assets:

Capital asset purchases capitalized	907,239
Gain/(Loss) on disposal of capital assets	(5,999)
Depreciation expense	(436,128)
	<u>465,112</u>

Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds:

Advanced Revenues	-
Unavailable Property Taxes	54,351
	<u>54,351</u>

Bond proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position:

Lease Proceeds	(91,274)
Bond Proceeds	(1,747,750)
Capital lease obligation principal payments	132,315
General obligation bond principal payments	57,837
	<u>(1,648,872)</u>

Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:

Pension Plans (Deferred Outflows, Net Pension Liability, Deferred Inflows)	(150,620)
Accrued compensated absences	(5,555)
	<u>(156,175)</u>

Change in net position of governmental activities 309,561

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**Town of Rockport Audit - continued**

**TOWN OF ROCKPORT**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUND**  
**JUNE 30, 2016**

**Exhibit E**

	<b><i>Wastewater Enterprise</i></b>
<b>Assets</b>	
<b><i>Current Assets:</i></b>	
Cash and Equivalents	327,292
Investments	252,288
Receivables	
User Fees, net	175,838
Bond Receivable	28,103
Due from Other Funds	388,140
<b><i>Total Current Assets</i></b>	<b>1,171,661</b>
<b><i>Noncurrent Assets:</i></b>	
Capital Assets, net	5,139,849
<b><i>Total Noncurrent Assets</i></b>	<b>5,139,849</b>
<b><i>Total Assets</i></b>	<b>6,311,510</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b><i>Current Liabilities:</i></b>	
Accounts Payable	72,588
Accrued Interest Payable	3,027
Bonds and Notes Payable	61,049
<b><i>Total Current Liabilities</i></b>	<b>136,664</b>
<b><i>Noncurrent Liabilities:</i></b>	
Bonds and Notes Payable	601,203
<b><i>Total Noncurrent Liabilities</i></b>	<b>601,203</b>
<b><i>Total Liabilities</i></b>	<b>737,867</b>
<b><i>Net Position</i></b>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	4,477,597
Restricted for:	
Capital Projects	389,636
Unrestricted-Reserved for Pump Station	317,663
Unrestricted	388,747
<b><i>Total Net Position</i></b>	<b>5,573,643</b>
<b><i>Total Liabilities and Net Position</i></b>	<b>6,311,510</b>

The notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**Town of Rockport Audit - continued****TOWN OF ROCKPORT****Exhibit F****STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION****PROPRIETARY FUND****FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

	<b>Wastewater Enterprise</b>
<b>Operating Revenues:</b>	
Charges for Services	786,282
Interest/Fees	2,914
<b>Total Operating Revenues:</b>	<b>789,196</b>
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>	
Administration	67,673
Contract Operations	179,464
General Maintenance/Supplies	32,000
Camden Treatment	189,706
Rockland Treatment	135,478
Samoset Treatment	80,345
Repairs and Maintenance	42,527
Depreciation and Amortization	228,216
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>955,409</b>
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(166,213)</b>
<b>Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)</b>	
Interest Revenue	6,278
Change in Fair Value	(4,099)
Other Revenues	8,327
Interest Expense	(13,717)
<b>Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)</b>	<b>(3,211)</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss) before contributions and transfers</b>	<b>(169,424)</b>
Transfer from G/F	123,583
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	<b>(45,841)</b>
<b>Total Net Position - Beginning</b>	<b>5,619,484</b>
<b>Total Net Position - Ending</b>	<b>5,573,643</b>

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**Town of Rockport Audit - continued**

**TOWN OF ROCKPORT**

**GENERAL FUND**

**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL REVENUES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

**Exhibit A-1**

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	<i>Estimated</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Over (Under) Budget</i>
Taxes			
Property	13,483,706	13,454,437	(29,269)
Auto Excise	707,000	796,562	89,562
Boat Excise	14,000	14,867	867
Interest/Fees on Taxes/Liens	60,100	49,744	(10,356)
	<u>14,264,806</u>	<u>14,315,610</u>	<u>50,804</u>
Intergovernmental Revenues			
State of Maine			
General Assistance	6,225	14,886	8,661
Homestead Reimbursement	65,885	65,885	-
BETE Reimbursement	74,594	74,742	148
Veterans Reimbursement	-	4,379	4,379
Tree Growth Reimbursement		3,818	3,818
Gas Tax Refund	-	42	42
Harbor Grant	26,600	26,600	-
Snowmobile Reimbursement	400	543	143
	<u>173,704</u>	<u>190,895</u>	<u>17,191</u>
Departmental Revenues			
Police			
Grants	5,000	2,282	(2,718)
All Other	6,000	8,718	2,718
Animal Control	1,000	2,090	1,090
Planning			
Building Permits	45,000	45,236	236
Plumbing Permits	7,000	8,295	1,295
Planning Board Fees	6,000	2,250	(3,750)
All Other	4,310	2,400	(1,910)
Harbor Fees			
Moorings	58,000	54,600	(3,400)
Tie Offs	12,500	10,850	(1,650)
Winter Boat Storage	7,000	7,485	485
Lease Income	7,900	8,200	300
Schooner Berthing	3,800	3,500	(300)
All Other	24,750	35,554	10,804
Public Works			
Cemetery - Sale of Lots	4,000	1,400	(2,600)
All Other-Public Works	2,000	3,328	1,328

**Town of Rockport Audit - continued**

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**TOWN OF ROCKPORT**

**GENERAL FUND**

**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL REVENUES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

	<i>Estimated</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Over (Under) Budget</i>
Departmental Revenues (Continued)			
Town Clerk			
Clerk Fees	23,000	25,009	2,009
Agent Fees	8,000	11,920	3,920
Election Reimbursement Fees	3,000	2,062	(938)
All Other	1,850	2,425	575
Town Manager	-	165	165
Finance	100	1,180	1,080
Assessing	100	26,853	26,753
Library	-	5	5
Fire Department	-	228	228
Town Office	150	102	(48)
	<u>230,460</u>	<u>266,137</u>	<u>35,677</u>
Other Local Sources			
Interest on Investments	13,000	25,102	12,102
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	12,000	16,900	4,900
Opera House	24,640	23,075	(1,565)
Cable TV Franchise	30,000	33,250	3,250
PBMC Traffic Light	1,590	1,666	76
Old County Road Traffic Light	1,800	2,423	623
MMA Insurance Dividend/Reimbursement	-	2,841	2,841
Internmant Notification	1,250	250	(1,000)
WW Reimb. Wage, Benefits, Other	51,470	52,574	1,104
Conservaton Reimbursement		303	303
Fiber Optics Project Reimbursement	12,000	12,000	-
Rockport Elementary School		200	200
Leaning and Cleaning project		280	280
Sale of Tax Acquired Property	-	50	50
	<u>147,750</u>	<u>170,914</u>	<u>23,164</u>
Other Financing Sources			
Lease Proceeds	91,274	91,274	-
Municipal Revenue Sharing	120,656	120,656	-
Urban Rural Initiative Program Funds	52,180	52,180	-
Library Reimbursements	89,830	65,432	(24,398)
Cemetery Trust Fund	15,000	15,000	-
Reserves	70,010	70,010	-
	<u>438,950</u>	<u>414,552</u>	<u>(24,398)</u>
Total Revenues and Other			
Financing Sources	15,255,670	<u><b>15,358,108</b></u>	<u><b>102,438</b></u>
Beginning Fund Balance Used	<u>110,000</u>		
<b>Total</b>	<u><b>15,365,670</b></u>		

**TOWN OF ROCKPORT  
GENERAL FUND  
STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES AND ENCUMBRANCES  
JUNE 30, 2016**

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**Town of Rockport Audit - continued**

	<i>Encumbered from 6/30/15</i>	<i>Appropriations</i>	<i>Expenditures Net of Refund</i>	<i>Encumbered to 6/30/17</i>	<i>(Over) Under Budget</i>
General Government					
Administration		36,860	48,397		(11,537)
Town Manager		212,200	213,308		(1,108)
Town Clerk	1,200	208,040	197,109		12,131
Planning and Community Development	5,467	206,660	206,449		5,678
Finance Department	10,328	118,870	121,350	300	7,548
Assessing		136,820	152,758		(15,938)
Town Office Building	968	96,730	95,946	968	784
Tax Billing		5,800	5,954		(154)
Insurances		51,710	52,177		(467)
	17,963	1,073,690	1,093,448	1,268	(3,063)
Public Safety					
Police Department	900	579,445	566,351		13,994
Fire Department	3,955	449,795	432,232	3,955	17,563
Animal Control		11,905	9,034		2,871
Emergency Management		500	500		-
Street Lights		62,950	64,611		(1,661)
Public Safety Building		32,890	33,223		(333)
County Dispatch and E-911		86,855	86,853		2
	4,855	1,224,340	1,192,804	3,955	32,436
Public Works					
Public Works Department		1,458,894	1,400,649	42,900	15,345
Sanitation		161,085	158,916		2,169
Cemeteries	1,938	54,550	50,153	1,938	4,397
	1,938	1,674,529	1,609,718	44,838	21,911

**TOWN OF ROCKPORT  
GENERAL FUND**

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES AND ENCUMBRANCES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

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**Town of Rockport Audit - continued**

	<i>Encumbered from 6/30/15</i>	<i>Appropriations</i>	<i>Expenditures Net of Refund</i>	<i>Encumbered to 6/30/17</i>	<i>(Over) Under Budget</i>
Health and Social Services General Assistance	-	20,905	33,142		(12,237)
Cultural and Recreation Recreation and Parks Library	3,731 20,231	62,550 395,800	59,888 399,556	3,731	2,662 16,475
Opera House	9,035	103,780	98,623	4,940	9,252
Conservation Commission		15,180	3,918	10,000	1,262
Harbor Operations		178,185	171,788		6,397
Unclassified	32,997	755,495	733,773	18,671	36,048
Rockport Elementary School		4,035	4,648		(613)
Debt Service		68,775	62,377		6,398
Assessments					
MSAD #28		5,285,686	5,285,686		-
Knox County		937,590	938,955		(1,365)
CSD School Assessment		3,918,947	3,918,947		-
Overlay		97,328	50,994		46,334
Operating Transfers Out and Other Uses					
Downtown TIF	-	10,239,551	10,194,582	-	44,969
Wastewater TIF		687	687		-
Reserves		123,583	123,583		-
		180,080	180,080		-
	-	304,350	304,350	-	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>57,753</b>	<b>15,365,670</b>	<b>15,228,842</b>	<b>68,732</b>	<b>125,849</b>



***TOWN OF ROCKPORT***

***GENERAL FUND***

***STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016***

Unassigned Fund Balance, July 1	2,196,445	
Unassigned Fund Balance, June 30	<u>2,314,732</u>	
<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>		<b><u><u>118,287</u></u></b>

***Analysis of Change***

Budget Summary:		
Revenue Surplus	102,438	
Unexpended Balance of Appropriations	<u>125,849</u>	
		228,287
Fund Balance Used to Fund Appropriations		<u>(110,000)</u>
<b>Increase (Decrease)</b>		<b><u><u>118,287</u></u></b>

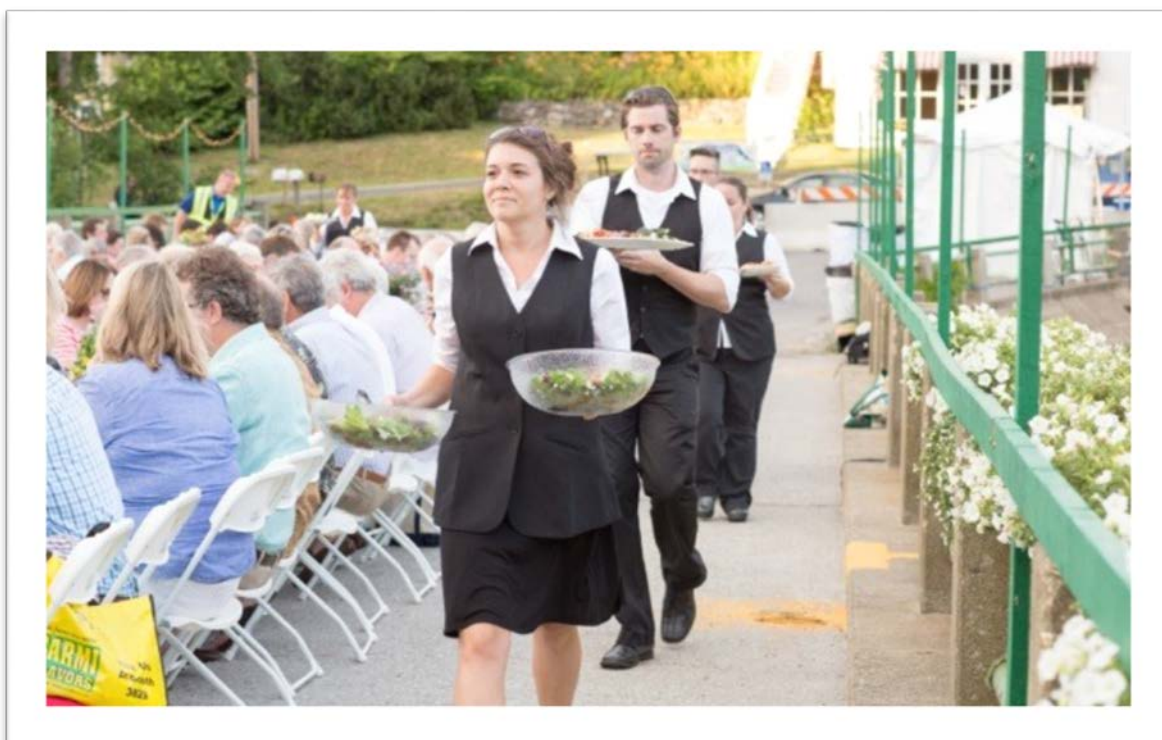
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## 125<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION – 1891-2016



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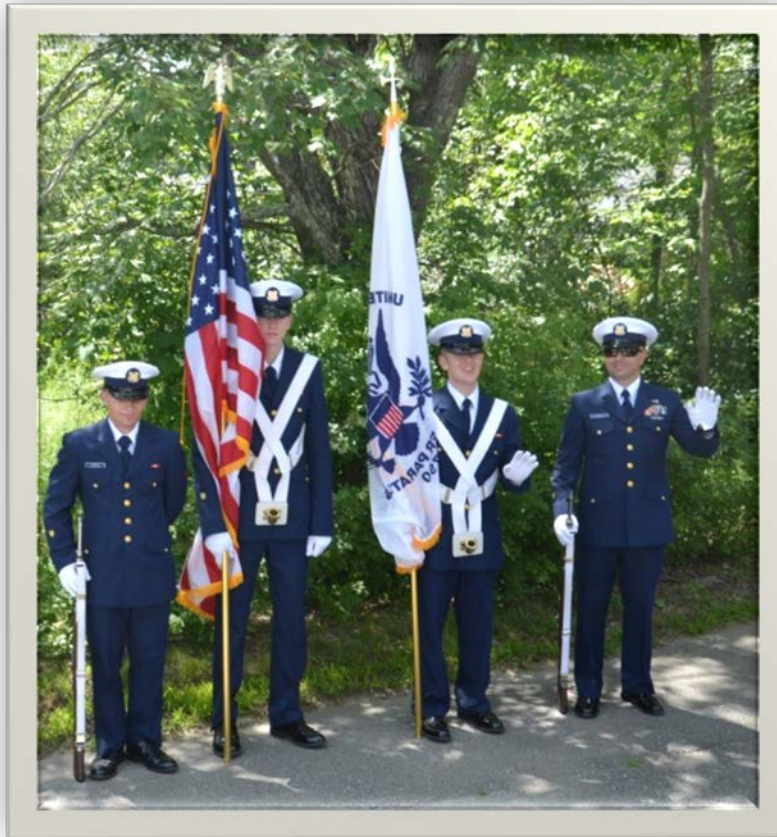






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## ***THE FIREFIGHTERS' BALL***



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